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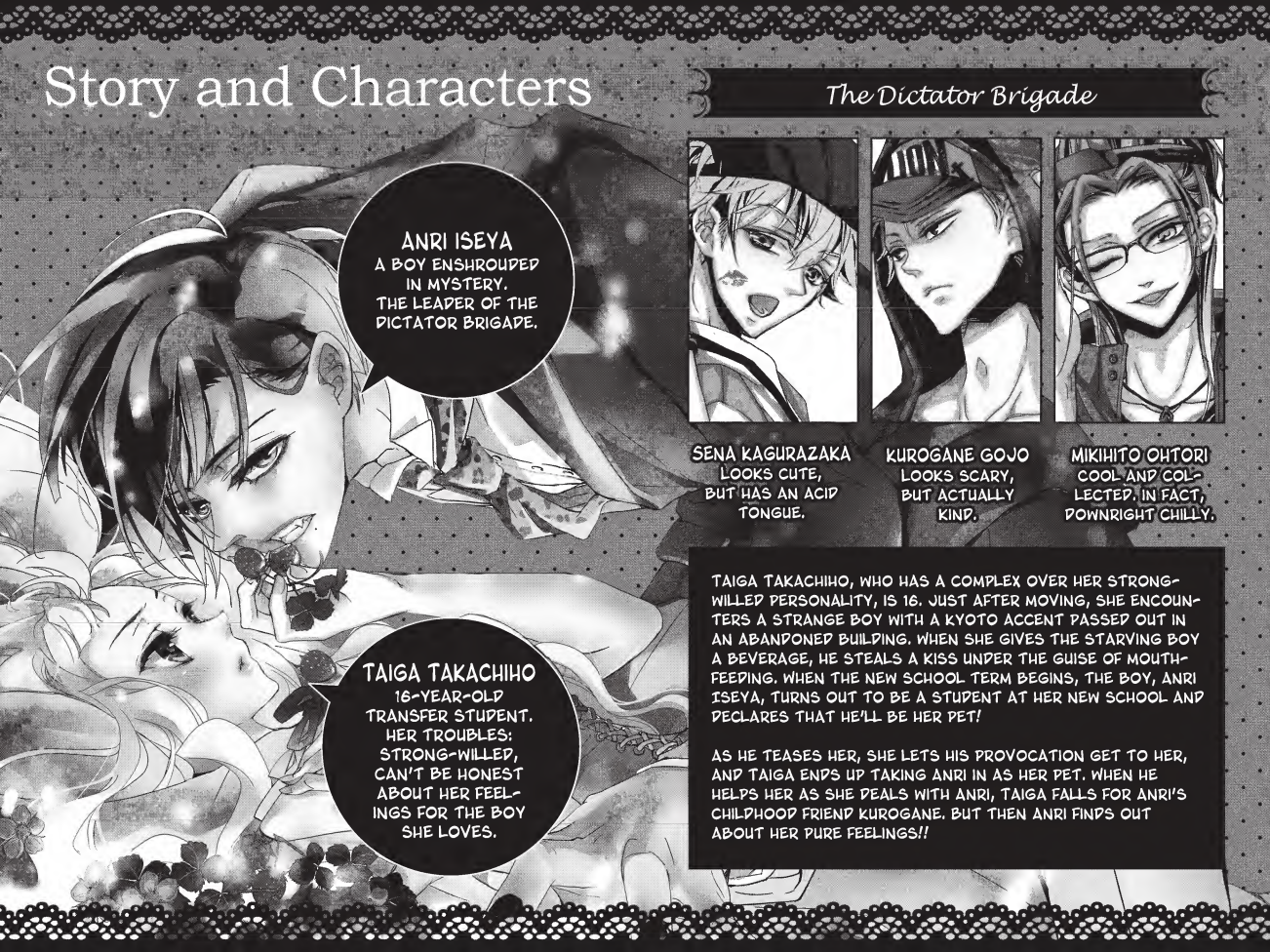

ANRI ISEYA
A BOY ENSHROUDED IN MYSTERY. THE LEADER OF THE DICTATOR BRIGADE.

TAIGA TAKACHIHO
16-YEAR-OLD TRANSFER STUDENT. HER TROUBLES: STRONG-WILLED, CAN'T BE HONEST ABOUT HER FEELINGS FOR THE BOY SHE LOVES.

The Dictator Brigade

SENA KAGURAZAKA
LOOKS CUTE, BUT HAS AN ACID TONGUE.

KUROGANE GOJO
LOOKS SCARY, BUT ACTUALLY KIND.

MIKIHITO OHTORI
COOL AND COLLECTED. IN FACT, DOWNRIGHT CHILLY.

TAIGA TAKACHIHO, WHO HAS A COMPLEX OVER HER STRONG-WILLED PERSONALITY, IS 16. JUST AFTER MOVING, SHE ENCOUNTERS A STRANGE BOY WITH A KYOTO ACCENT PASSED OUT IN AN ABANDONED BUILDING. WHEN SHE GIVES THE STARVING BOY A BEVERAGE, HE STEALS A KISS UNDER THE GUISE OF MOUTH-FEEDING. WHEN THE NEW SCHOOL TERM BEGINS, THE BOY, ANRI ISEYA, TURNS OUT TO BE A STUDENT AT HER NEW SCHOOL AND DECLARES THAT HE'LL BE HER PET!

AS HE TEASES HER, SHE LETS HIS PROVOCATION GET TO HER, AND TAIGA ENDS UP TAKING ANRI IN AS HER PET. WHEN HE HELPS HER AS SHE DEALS WITH ANRI, TAIGA FALLS FOR ANRI'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND KUROGANE. BUT THEN ANRI FINDS OUT ABOUT HER PURE FEELINGS!!

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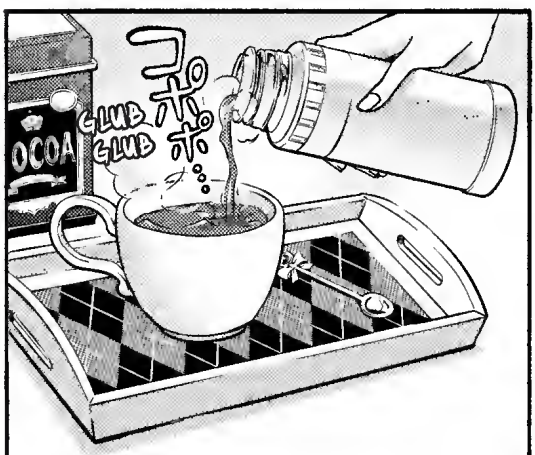
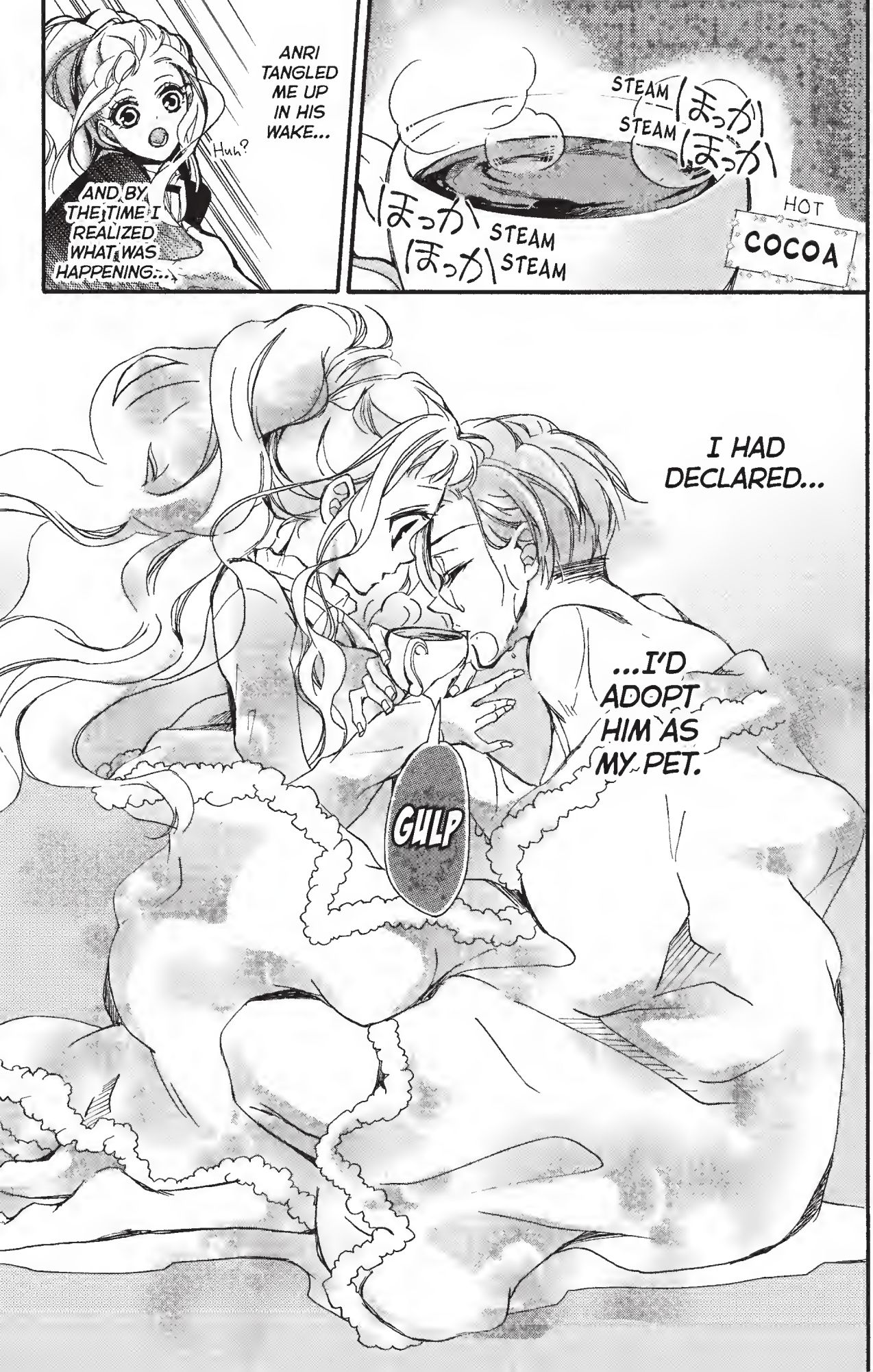
I HAVE A PET.
わし
SCRUBBA
SCRUBBA
わし
DON'T MOVE!
All right, that should do it!
SHHH
HEY!
DON'T STAND UP WITHOUT TELLING ME!
ザバ
SPLASH
A BLACK, BLACK BEAST.
A PET LIKE NO OTHER.
SCRUB
SCRUB
SCRUB
SCRUB
わし
わし
わし
Black Panther Sweet 16

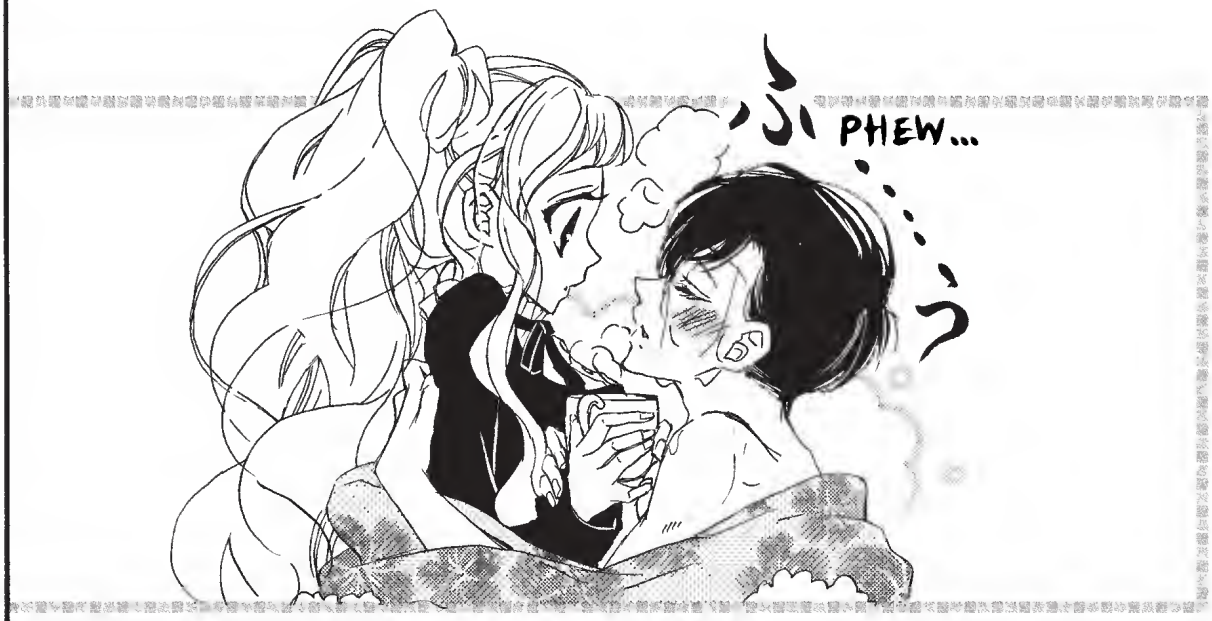
PLAP
ペッタ
PLAP
ペッタ
PLAP
ペッタ
PHEW~
PLAP
ペッタ
ペッタ
PLAP
PLAP
ペッタ
PLAP
ペッタ
I TOLD YOU TO WALK QUIETLY!
YOU'LL WAKE EVERYONE UP!
ANRI!
THIS PET'S NAME IS...
TRAP 5
Cocoa and the Bunny's Tail

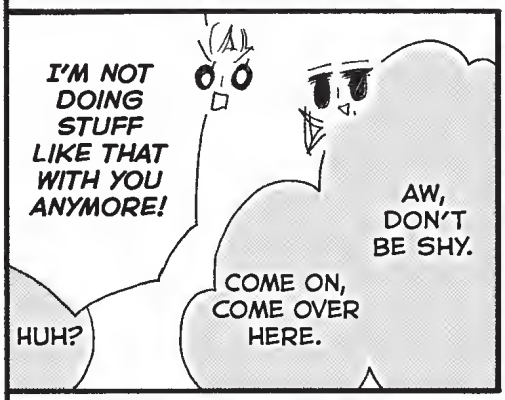
じゃんっ
TA-DAH!
ANRI-KUN'S ROOM
THIS IS ANRI-KUN'S ROOM, WINTER VERSION!
WH-WHEN DID HE CHANGE IT?
AND AT LEAST DRY YOUR HEAD! YOU'LL CATCH A COLD LIKE THAT!
KER-CHUNK
ガチャ
DON'T YEW WORRY 'BOUT ME, TAIGA-CHAN.

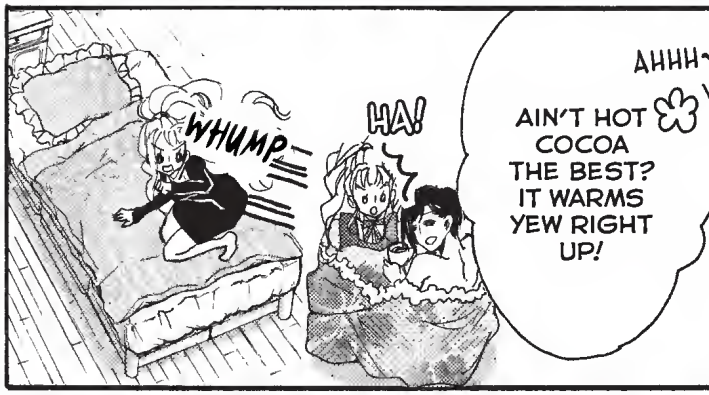

OCOA
GLUB GLUB
コトコト

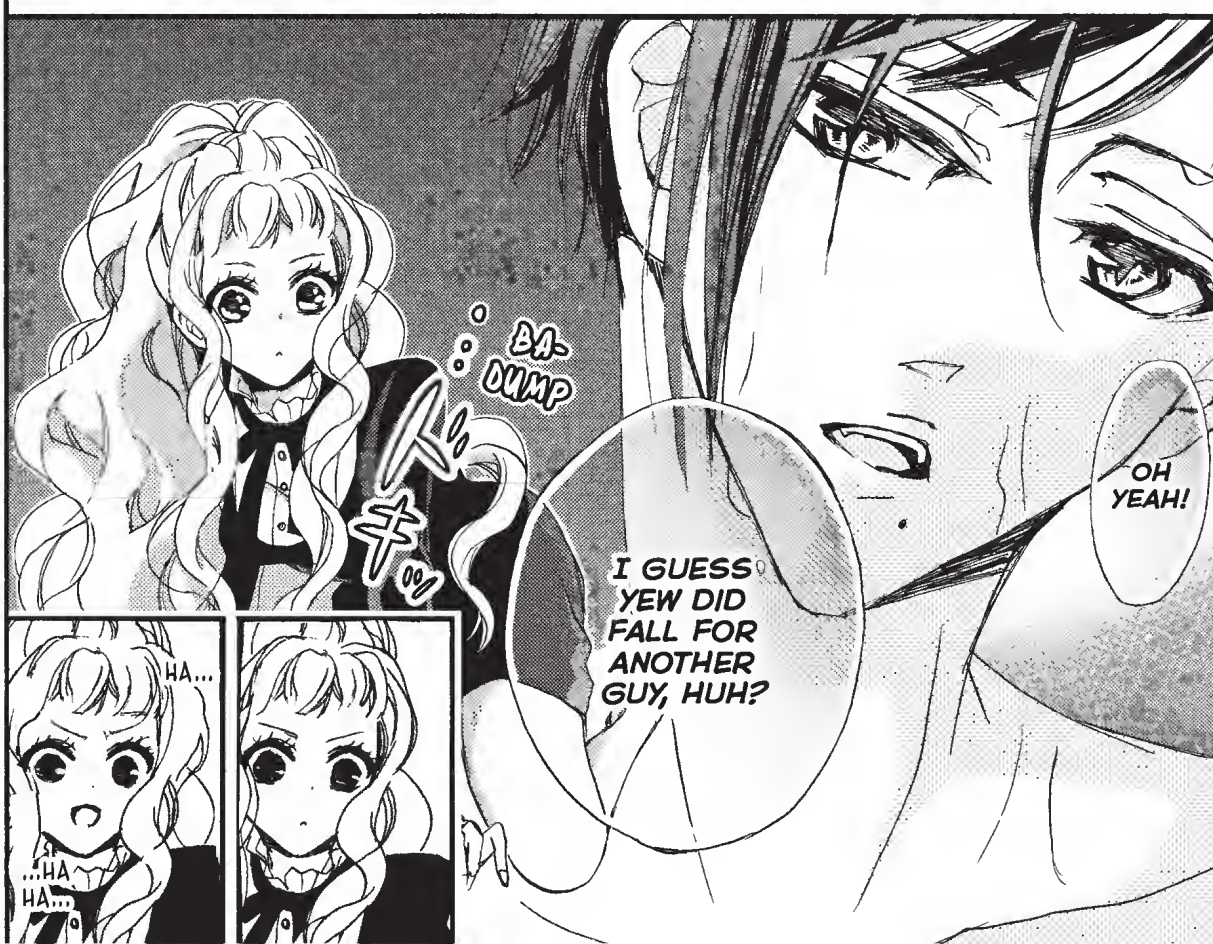
BUT...
RUSTLE RUSTLE
ゴソゴソ
YEAH, I KNOW IT'S STRANGE KEEPING A BOY FOR A PET...


ANRI TANGLED ME UP IN HIS WAKE...
Huh?
AND BY THE TIME I REALIZED WHAT WAS HAPPENING...
STEAM
STEAM
ほっか
ほっか
ほっか
STEAM
ほっか
STEAM
HOT
COCOA
I HAD DECLARED...
...I'D ADOPT HIM AS MY PET.
GULP


PHEW...


I'M NOT DOING STUFF LIKE THAT WITH YOU ANYMORE!
HUH?
AW, DON'T BE SHY.
COME ON, COME OVER HERE.

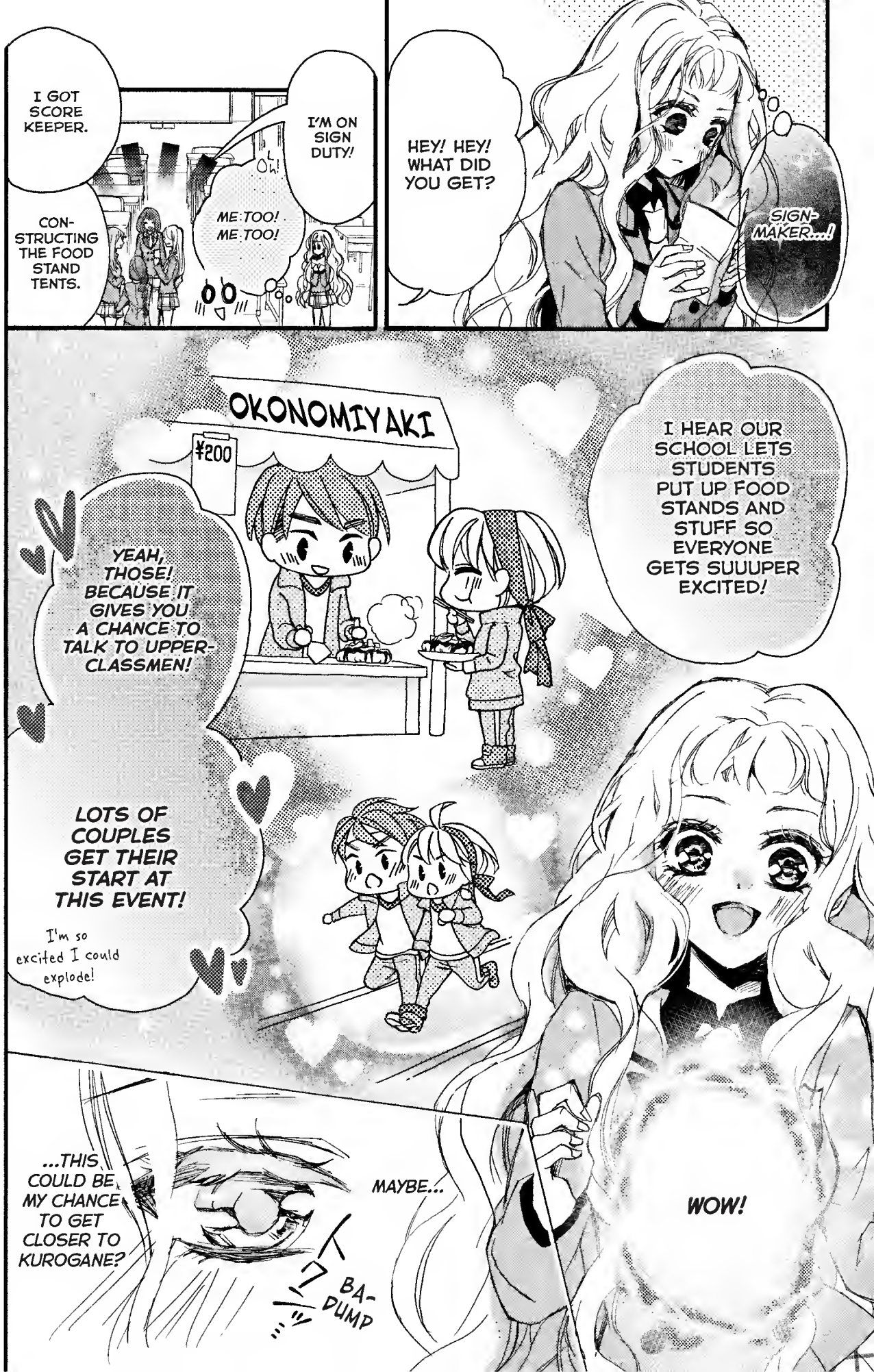

WHUMP
HA!
AHHH~
AIN'T HOT COCOA THE BEST? IT WARMS YEW RIGHT UP!


BA-DUMP
I GUESS YEW DID FALL FOR ANOTHER GUY, HUH?
OH YEAH!
HA...
...HA HA...

POOF
ぽふっ
KURO-GANE, HUH?!
HUH? WH-WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU—
AHA HA HA! I GUESS I GOT THE WRONG IDEA.
BLOW BLOW
YEAH, I GUESS YEW'D NEVER FALL FOR A LOSER LIKE...
H-
HO-
H-
BLUSH
HOW DOES HE KNOW?!
GRIN

A-ANRI... I'M SURE YOU'RE SCHEMING TO MAKE MY LOVE LIFE YOUR PLAYTHING, BUT...
YOU'RE MY PET! DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
GRRRR!
GULP GULP
TAIGA-CHAN'S IN LOVE...
IN LOVE WITH KURO-GANE-KUN...
わあああああ
AAAAARGH!
YER TELLIN' ME TO HELP YEW WITH YER LOVE LIFE?
STOMP

MURMUR MURMUR
ざわざわ
1-B
I REFUSE!
YEAH! I FIGURED AS MUCH!
BUT I DECIDED BEFORE THAT WHEN I FELL IN LOVE, I'D FIGHT FOR IT WITH ALL MY MIGHT!
I WON'T BACK DOWN!!
ATHLETICS FESTIVAL ORGANIZER DUTY LOTTO
THERE'S ONLY ONE MONTH UNTIL THE ATHLETICS FESTIVAL!
SO LET'S GET PUMPED UP PREPARING FOR IT!
ざわざわ
MURMUR MURMUR
ワイワイ
CHATTER CHATTER


I GOT SCORE KEEPER.
I'M ON SIGN DUTY!
OH!
ME TOO! ME TOO!
CON-STRUCTING THE FOOD STAND TENTS.
HEY! HEY! WHAT DID YOU GET?
SIGN-MAKER...!
OKONOMIYAKI
¥200
I HEAR OUR SCHOOL LETS STUDENTS PUT UP FOOD STANDS AND STUFF SO EVERYONE GETS SUUUPER EXCITED!
YEAH, THOSE! BECAUSE IT GIVES YOU A CHANCE TO TALK TO UPPER-CLASSMEN!
LOTS OF COUPLES GET THEIR START AT THIS EVENT!
I'm so excited I could explode!
WOW!
MAYBE...
...THIS COULD BE MY CHANCE TO GET CLOSER TO KUROGANE?
BA-DUMP

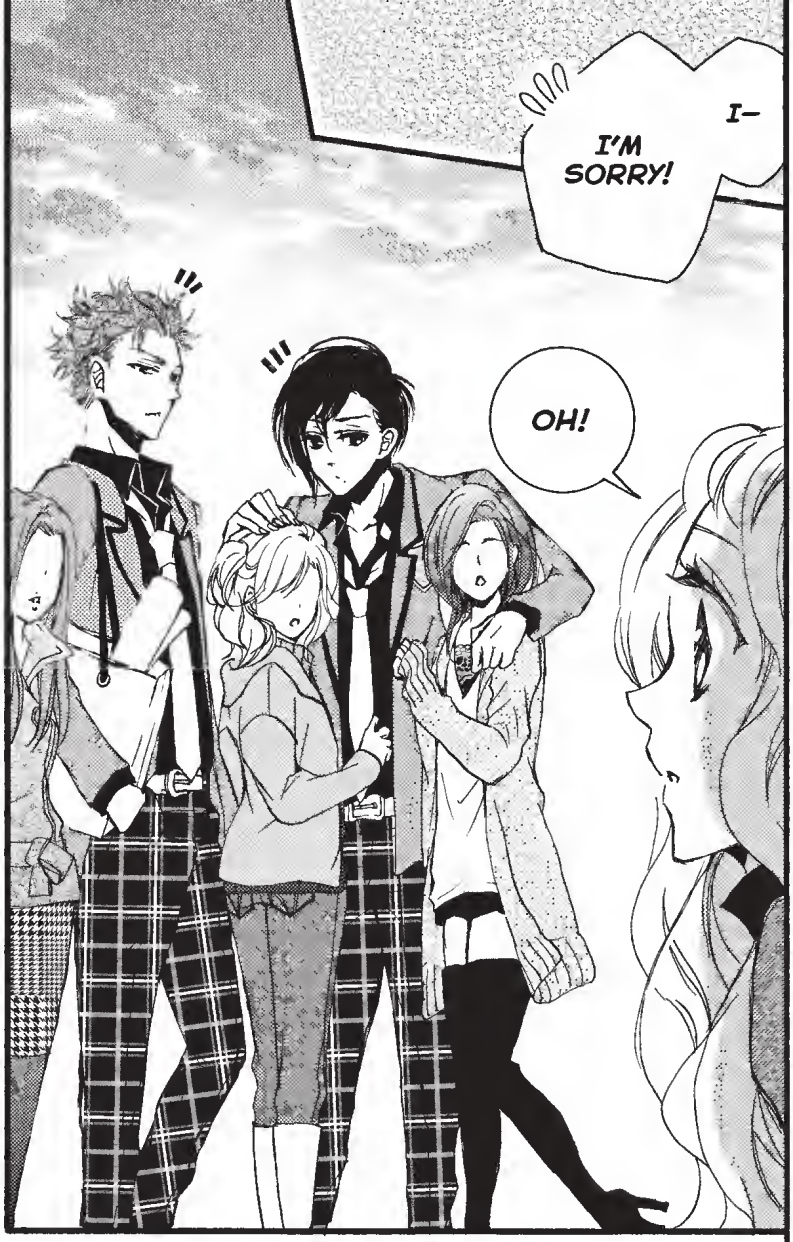
MURMUR
ざわっ
I AM SOOO PUMPED FOR THIS!
SIGN MAKERS, CAN I COUNT ON YOU TO PURCHASE THE MATERIALS?
WHUMP
HUH?!
I'LL GO! LEAVE IT TO ME!
WHISPER WHISPER ヒソヒソ
...HUH? TAKACHIHO-SAN'S ON SIGN DUTY...?
H-HOLD ON!! WHO'S GONNA GO WITH HER?!
Huh?!
IT'S OKAY! IT'S FINE! I'LL JUST RUN THERE AND BACK! REAL QUICK!
I'M IN LOVE, SO I'LL DIVE INTO EVERY-THING FULL-STEAM AHEAD!
IT'S TOTALLY FINE!

CRAP. I SHOULD'VE ASKED SOMEONE TO COME WITH ME...
HUFF
WOBBLE WOBBLE
HUFF
HUFF
TH... TH-TH... THIS IS SO HEAVY!
HUFF
A-
AHHH!
ROLL ROLL
BUMP
Eek!
ROLL
WHAP
CLUNK

1 ABOUT ANRI

HE'S PROBABLY THE MOST EXPRESSIVE CHARACTER OUT OF ALL THE MANY MEN I'VE DRAWN SO FAR. YOUR FRIEND TORIUMI HAS A LOT OF FUN DRAWING HIM!! ALTHOUGH...I WAS A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT WHETHER MY READERS WOULD ACCEPT HIM.

BUT I WAS REALLY HAPPY WHEN I GOT A LOT OF COMMENTS LIKE, "I LOVE ANRI!" IN THE FEEDBACK FOR VOLUME 1 AND STUFF.



HA!
はっ
OH! YEAH!
THAT'S IT!!
YEW OUT BUYIN' MATERIALS FOR THE ATHLETICS FESTIVAL TOO, TAIGA-CHAN?
...
?
Taiga-chan?
WHO'S THAT GIRL?
あああっ
BLUUUSH
BA-DUMP
ドキ
ドキ
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
ドキ
BA-DUMP
THIS IS TAIGA-CHAN!
SHE TAKES BATHS WITH ME...
AND HOLDS ME TIGHT TO WARM ME UP! ♡
HUH?!
WHAAAT?!
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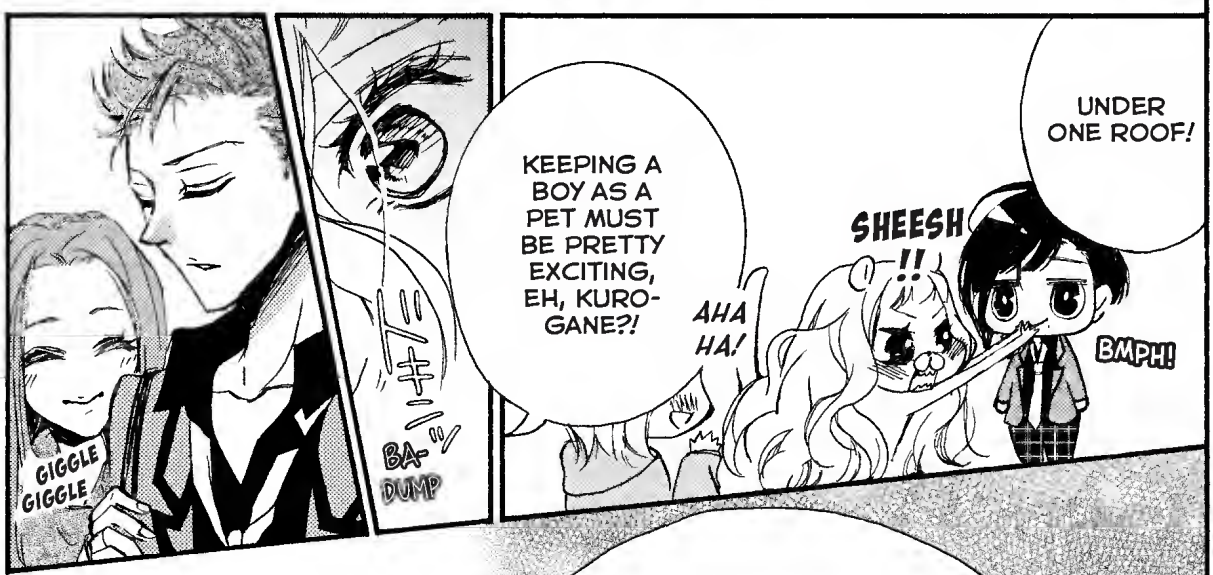


TSK! STOP TALKING ABOUT THIS STUPID CRAP.

TAIGA-CHAN?
Cafe
FLINCH
ビクッ
IN FACT, WHY DON'T YOU ALL GO HOME ALREADY?
YOU'RE IN MY WAY.
Wha?!
HOW MEAN!
S-SEE YOU LATER, ANRI-KUN!
...OH.
"STOP TALKING ABOUT THIS STUPID CRAP."
SO TO KURO-GANE...
...I'M JUST STUPID.
OH.
HUH...

TAIGA-CHAN! WHY DON'T YEW COME HELP US WITH THE SHOPPIN'?
SMILE
ニコニコ
HUUUH ?!
...HUH?!
ALL RIGHTY!
WAIT HERE FOR JUST A MINUTE!
AN-
RI...
WHA?!
MURMUR MURMUR
HUUUUU-UUH?!?!

KUROGANE!!
ALL ALONE WITH KUROGANE!!
C-CA-CALM DOWN! JUST CALM DOWN!!
IT'S TOO SUDDEN!!
I'M NOT READY!!
ALL ALONE WITH KUROGANE!!
ALL ALONE WITH KUROGANE!!
...
WHAT SHOULD I TALK ABOUT?!
WHY HAVEN'T I... IN THE SIXTEEN YEARS I'VE BEEN ON THIS PLANET...
EVEN ONCE!!
TRIED TO APPROACH A BOY?!
SIGH ...
FLINCH
ビクッ
GIVE IT TO ME.
THAT BAG.
WHO KNOWS HOW LONG IT'LL BE BEFORE ANRI GETS BACK.
HUH?
TH-
THANK-
OH!!
TOUCH~

5F
MURMUR MURMUR
Where do you wanna go next?
H-
HEY...
SO YOU...
...!
...
...
...

MURMUR MURMUR
S-SO YOU'RE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS?
AND ANRI... HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE YOU WERE KIDS?
...
AH!

SINCE HE LIVED IN KYOTO.
...I JUST CAN'T GET RID OF HIM.

"WHAT, YER NAME'S KUROGANE? THAT'S A REAL PECULIAR NAME."
"HUH?"
I'VE BEEN LIKE THIS SINCE I WAS YOUNG...
SO EVEN MOST OF THE ADULTS AROUND WERE SCARED OF ME.
CHATTER CHATTER
He's handsome, but he's a little scary.
Is that her boy-friend?
BACK THEN, AND EVEN NOW, ANRI'S THE ONLY ONE...
"I'M SURPRISED YEW DON'T GET TIRED HOLDIN' THAT WRINKLE BETWEEN YER EYES."
...WHO'S NEVER BEEN SCARED OF ME.
ISN'T THAT CRAZY?
HIS VOICE SOUNDS... JUST A LITTLE SOFTER.
YOU MUST BE SUPER CLOSE THEN, HUH?
DON'T MAKE IT SOUND CREEPY.
MURMUR MURMUR

THAT GUY'S A PAIN IN THE ASS.
HIS WORDS ARE VIOLENT...
BUT HE'S CARRY-ING TWO CLASSES' WORTH OF LUGGAGE...
WAITING FOR THE SELFISH ANRI TO COME BACK.
HE'S EVEN PUTTING UP WITH MY AWKWARD SMALL TALK.
KUROGANE IS JUST AS WARM...
AS I THOUGHT.
TAIGA-CHAAAN!

SORRY I'M LATE!
Whoa!
PLOP
HERE YEW GO!
CHANGE INTO THIS!

H-
HEY, ANRI...
ARE THESE CLOTHES... REALLY NECESSARY FOR THE ATHLETICS FESTIVAL?!
ふわ FLUFFY ふわん
POOFY モコ モコ
YER SO CUTE IN THAT, TAIGA-CHAN!
YEAH, YEAH. YEW LOOK GOOD.

SAY, TAIGA-CHAN? DON'T YEW WANNA KNOW EVEN MORE ABOUT KUROGANE?
MUTTER
HMM?
CAN I CHANGE NOW?!
SHEESH! I ONLY PUT THIS ON BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO SEE HOW IT LOOKED ON A PERSON!!
HMM ...
Wel-come...
DON'T YEW WANNA KNOW KURO-GANE'S SECRETS?
I KNOW ALL KINDSA STUFF.
I CHANGED MY MIND. SINCE I'M YER PET, I'LL HELP YEW OUT.
SHWIP...
HUH ...?
HEY! NOT SO FAST!
What are you doing in here?! Get out!
...! WHAT ARE YOU TALK-ING ABOUT ALL OF A SUDDEN?
GRAB
WHAP

N-
NO!
ANRI!
!
HEH HEH!

...DO YEW THINK KUROGANE'D SAY IF HE SAW THIS?
WHAT...
クスクス
HEH HEH

"SO WHAT? ISN'T THAT JUST YER PET PLAYING AROUND?"
HE MIGHT SAY...
KUROGANE MIGHT NOT HAVE A LICK OF INTEREST...
BUT I GUESS WE DON'T WANNA THINK ABOUT THAT, HUH?
I WISH YEW COULDA SEEN YER FACE WHEN KUROGANE CALLED IT "STUPID!" I DIDN'T KNOW YEW COULD LOOK SO PATHETIC.
バタバタ
THUNK THUNK
HMM?
What the?
WHUMP
?!
ANRI!
AHA-HAHA-HAHA!

WHAT THE HELL ...
ARE THOSE TWO THINKING ?!
GIVE BACK MY UNIFORM!
だだだだ THD THD THD THD
HUH?!
HEY! ANRI! TAIGA!
MURMUR
MURMUR MURMUR
ざわざわ
Whoa!
There's a bunny running down the street!
?! ?!
A rabbit ?!
MURMUR MURMUR
ざわざわ
MURMUR MURMUR
ざわざわ

DON'T ASK ME WHAT I'M DOING HERE!!
DO YOU EVEN REALIZE WHAT YOU'RE WEARING RIGHT NOW?!
GRIN GRIN
WH-WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
HUH? KURO... KURO-GANE?!
THAT JERK!
STOP! TAIGA!!

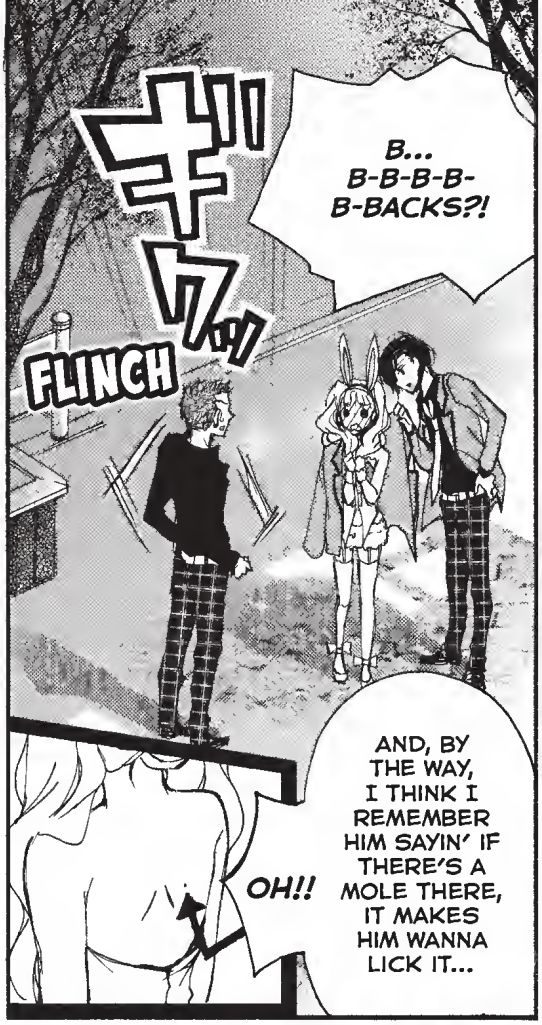
BUT!
YEAH ...
BUT!
I CAN'T STOP !!!!
HIDE!
隠(かく)しっ
ぴょん
JUMP
I CANNOT, ABSOLUTELY CANNOT LET KUROGANE SEE THIS!
...!
まわっ
ROUND
たたたた
TMP TMP TMP TMP
TAIGA !!
What are you doing?! Stop!!

BA-DUMP
HUH...?
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
THIS IS KURO-GANE'S...
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP

HUFF
YOUR BACK...
...IS TOTALLY EXPOSED.
HUFF

CAUGHT YEW IN THE ACT, KUROGANE!
HEH!
HEH!
HEH!
Ah!!
ANRI!
...KURO-GANE?
SHK

WELL, KURO-GANE'S...
?! What are you talking about?
I WAS PLANNIN' TO EXPOSE HIM FOR WHAT HE IS, BUT IT WORKED BETTER THAN I THOUGHT!
THE CHEST WAS JUST A DECOY!
カガッ!
CLACK CLACK
?!
HUH?
The real him?
DID YEW HEAR THAT, TAIGA-CHAN? THIS IS THE REAL KUROGANE!


FLINCH
B... B-B-B-B-B-BACKS?!
AND, BY THE WAY, I THINK I REMEMBER HIM SAYIN' IF THERE'S A MOLE THERE, IT MAKES HIM WANNA LICK IT...
OH!!

GAPE
GAPE
BLUUUSH
UH-OH! YEW BETTER LOOK OUT, TAIGA-CHAN!

NO!
FWAP
THAT'S NOT... WELL, I GUESS IT IS, BUT...
SHUT UP!! LISTEN TO ME, TAIGA!
I DIDN'T SAY A SINGLE LIE!

...A REAL PERV WHO LOVES BACKS.
MUTTER

BLUUUSH
かあああ
DON'T YOU BLUSH! IT'S CONTAGIOUS WHEN YOU DO!
はあ
SIGH~

HEHEH...
DO YEW STILL LIKE KUROGANE NOW THAT YEW KNOW HIS SECRET?
...
YOU REALLY RUINED THINGS TONIGHT, ANRI...
Cocoa topped with fluffy cream...
is delicious too!
ANRI-CHAN'S ROOM

AHAHA!
TUUURN
IT LOOKS LIKE YEW REALLY ARE IN LOVE, TAIGA-CHAN. GOOD FOR YEW.
FALLIN' FOR EVERY PART OF SOMEBODY IS LOVE.
"HE'S NOT THE TYPE YOU CAN HANDLE WITH STUBBORN-NESS ALONE, IS HE?"
SHUT YOUR TRAP! ALL YOU DID WAS TOY WITH ME!
I'M GLAD I HELPED WITH MY MASTER'S LOVE LIFE!

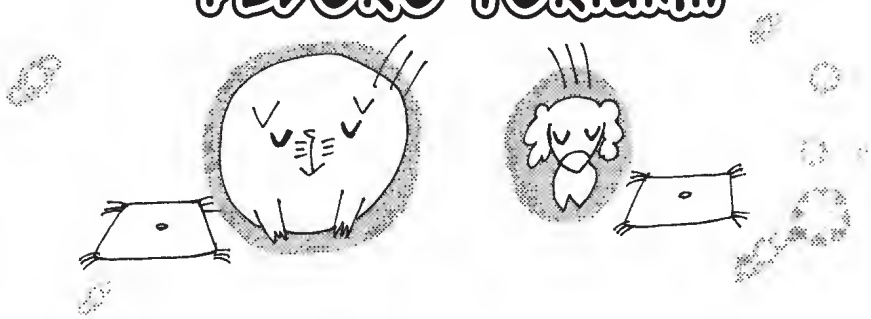
"I MEAN ANRI. ARE YOU GONNA KEEP UP THIS PET THING AFTER WHAT HE DID TO YOU?"
"HUH?"
"...I'M THE ONE WHO DECIDED TO TAKE HIM IN..."
"LOOK..."
"...ONCE HIS SWITCH GETS FLIPPED ON, HE TURNS INTO A REAL JERK. DON'T YOU KNOW THAT NOW?"
"HE'S ALWAYS SMILING AND ACTING FRIENDLY, BUT...
"I ALREADY MADE MY DECISION."
"?"
"...SIGH! I'VE NEVER SEEN A CHICK THAT DIDN'T GO RUNNING WHEN SHE FOUND OUT WHAT ANRI'S REALLY LIKE."
"OH..."

"YOU'RE ONE CRAZY CHICK."
ATHLETICS FESTIVAL.
ATHLETICS FESTIVAL
WHAT AWAITS THEM IS THE STORMY...
...THE BLACK BEAST SECRETLY SHARPENS ITS CLAWS.
AT THE PINK GIRL'S FEET...

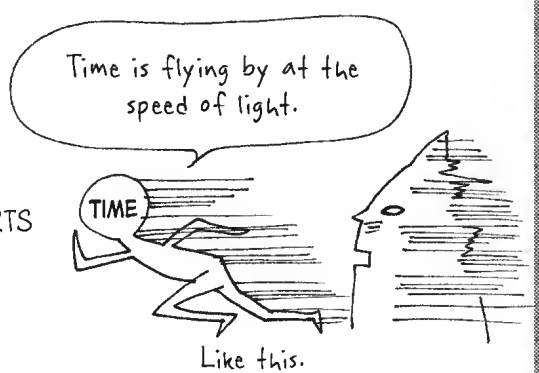
2 GREETING

TO ALL NEW READERS AND THOSE OF YOU
I'M MEETING AGAIN: HELLO!!

THIS IS **PEDORO TORIUMI!**



THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PURCHASING "BLACK PANTHER AND SWEET SIXTEEN"!
BY THE TIME I REALIZED, "VOLUME 1 IS OUT!" VOLUME 2 IS ALREADY HERE.



STARTING WITH THIS VOLUME, ANRI STARTS DOING A WHOLE LOT OF LEADING.

I HOPE THAT YOU ENJOY IT.

NOW...
LET'S BEGIN!

TRAP 6

Girlfriends Taste Like Honey

Black Panther and Sweet 16

BA-BANG
ばばんっ
ばんっ
BANG
ATHLETICS FESTIVAL
TODAY IS...
MY FIRST ATHLETICS FESTIVAL...
AS A HIGH SCHOOLER!
CHATTER わあ
CHATTER わあ
TAKOYAKI
HOT DRINKS
YAKIS
300
¥150
¥200
OH WOW!
OH WOOOW!
ドキドキ
THUMP THUMP
THUMP THUMP

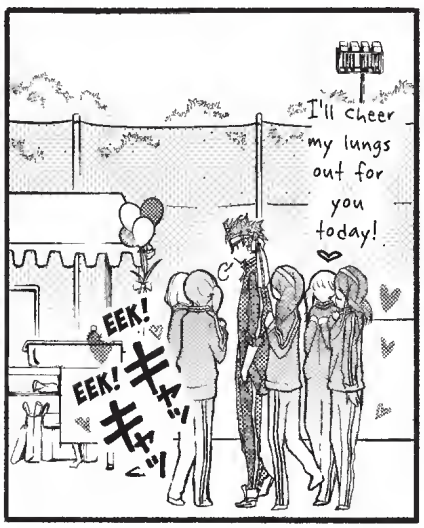
HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS FESTIVALS ARE AMAZING!
WHOA!
I-I HAD HEARD THE RUMORS, BUT...
Thanks!
I'll help, sempai!
¥200
300¥
イチャイチャ
FLIRT
FLIRT
FLIRT
イチャイチャ
FLIRT
NOW I'VE GOTTA ...
CLENCH
THE OPENING CEREMONY JUST ENDED BUT THERE'S ALREADY ROMANCE IN THE AIR!
private after-party tonight.
Let's have our own...

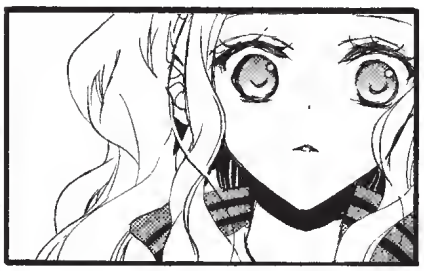
DO THE SAME WITH KURO-GANE...
キャ！
EEEEEK!
IT'S THEM!
わぁ！
WOW
OH MAN!
IT'S MIKIHITO-SEMPAI!
♡
ANRI-SEMPAI'S SO HOT!
♡
I LOVE YOU, SENA-SEMPAI!
♡
キャアア
EEK! EEK!
I JUST MADE EYE CONTACT WITH KUROGANE-SEMPAI!
♡

DO MY BANGS LOOK FUNNY?!
MY HAIRSTYLE ISN'T TOO CHILDISH, IS IT?!
TAIGA-CHAN!
TAIGA-CHAN!
OH! HEY, IT'S TAIGA-CHAN.
KUROGANE BY TAIGA VISION
SPARKLE キラキラ SPARKLE
キラキラ SPARKLE
FWIP FWIP FWIP!
じっ STARE
EEEEEEK!
Oh, just a mirror?
Keep it down.
K-K-K-K-KURO-GANE!
What?
Um! G-G-GOO-GO-
GOOD MORNING!
THUMP THUMP
ドキドキ
THUMP THUMP
ドキドキ

YAWN...
ふぁ…っ
HE GREETED ME BY NAME~
KUROGANE-SEMPAI, DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE?
Oh...
YEAH. HEY, TAIGA.

"DON'T GO."
"I LOVE YEW, KUROGANE."


I'll cheer my lungs out for you today!
EEK!
EEK! キャッ
キャッ



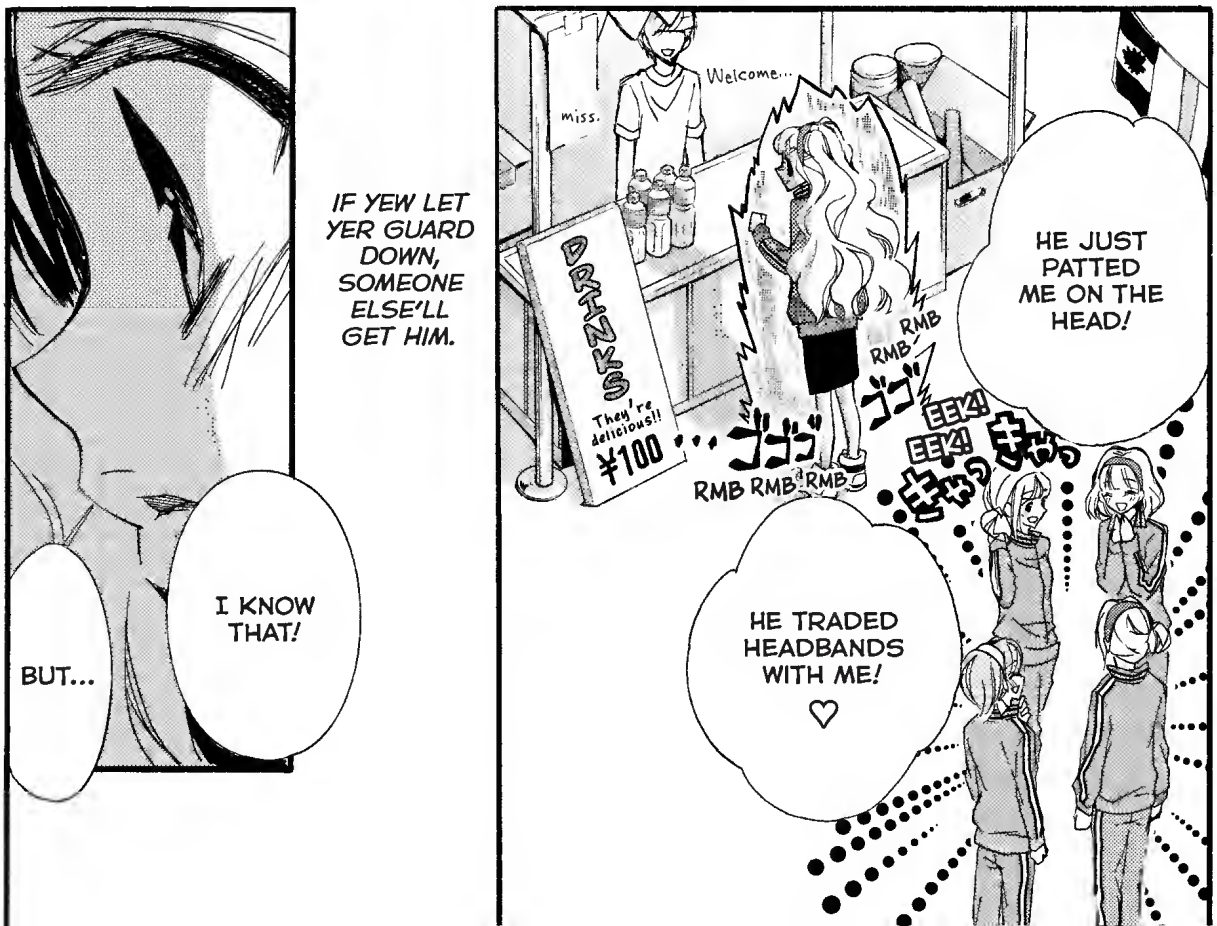
A-
ANRI!
...SO?
WHY DON'T YEW JUST SAY IT?
CHATTER CHATTER
わい わい
JUST TAKE A LOOK, TAIGA-CHAN.
EVERYBODY'S ALL EXCITED BECAUSE OF THE FESTIVAL.
IF YEW LET YER GUARD DOWN JUST BECAUSE HE SAID HEY BACK, SOMEONE ELSE'LL GET HIM.

UGH...
H-HE'S RIGHT...
BUT CAN I REALLY JOIN THEM? ME?!
キャー EEK~
EEEEEEEK!! KUROGANE~
NO WAY! NO HOW!

MURMUR MURMUR ざわざわ
ざわざわ MURMUR MURMUR
I—I'LL GET CLOSER TO KUROGANE...
ONE STEP AT A TIME!
DIDN'T YEW SAY YEW'D FALL IN LOVE WITH EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT OR SOMETHIN'?
I DIDN'T MEAN I'D DIVE IN HEAD-LONG!!
FWAP
Aw well!
GUESS I'LL TELL HIM HOW YEW FEEL INSTEAD.
DON'T BE STUPID!!

All second-year boys participating in the chicken fight...
Please report to the entrance.
ANRI!
Oh! I gotta go!
YOU HEAR ME?! YOU UNDERSTAND?!
DON'T YOU DARE BUTT IN, OKAY?!
HMM HMM

CHATTER CHATTER
TAKOYAKI


IF YEW LET YER GUARD DOWN, SOMEONE ELSE'LL GET HIM.
BUT...
I KNOW THAT!
miss.
Welcome...
DRINKS
They're delicious!!
¥100
RMB RMB RMB
RMB
RMB
HE JUST PATTED ME ON THE HEAD!
EEK! EEK!
HE TRADED HEADBANDS WITH ME! ♡

THAT WILL BE 400 YEN~
I'VE GOTTA TAKE FATE INTO MY OWN HANDS!
EXIT
I CALL IT "OPERATION TELL HIM GOOD JOB AT THE EXIT!!"
I'LL GIVE KUROGANE A DRINK!
Good job!
WHEN HE COMES BACK AFTER THE MATCH IS OVER...
THANKS!
AND CASUALLY, NATURALLY GET CLOSER TO HIM!!
WILL HE THINK, "BOY, SHE'S CUTE"...
EVEN A LITTLE?
EVEN JUST THE TINIEST BIT?

EXIT
ぽつ…ん
ALL-ALONE
…
わいわい
CHATTER CHATTER
And then...
Aha ha!
…
WHADDA YEW THINK TAIGA-CHAN'S DOIN' ALL THE WAY OVER THERE?
Are you serious?
HUH?! SHE STILL HASN'T MADE ANY FRIENDS ?!
SHE WAS ALONE EARLIER TOO.
SHE'S ALONE YET AGAIN.
YOU KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THIS, ANRI?
OH MAN, I WANNA STIR UP THIS HORNET'S NEST.
HEH HEH
SHE LOOKS SO SERIOUS.

HUH?
YEW WANNA KNOW? WELL, I AIN'T GONNA TELL YEW FOR NOTHIN'.
110
BANG!
On your marks!
Get set!
They're starting!

EEEEK!
WOW! IT'S SO INTENSE!!
A real man's battle!
Crush him!
TH-THEY'RE RIGHT!
AAARGH!!
WHAM!
WOW!

MURMUR MURMUR
...HUH? ISN'T THIS SUPPOSED TO BE JUST AN ATHLETICS FESTIVAL? AREN'T THEY... KIND OF...
SERIOUS?
MURMUR
MURMUR
EXIT
!!
PLOP PLOP
YOU GOT SOME REAL GUTS, ANRI!!!
PICKIN' A FIGHT WITH ME!
F-FIGHT?!
WHAT TAIGA-CHAN'S HIDING! ♡
AHAHA! I'LL TELL YEW IF YEW WIN!
HUH?!
WHAM

YAAAAAAAAH
MEEEEE-EEEEEE-EEEE?!
WHOA! HEY!
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU THINKING?! WHAT'RE YOU GONNA TELL HIM?!
HA!
DON'T TELL ME HE'S GONNA TELL KUROGANE HOW I FEEL ABOUT HIM?!
DON'T YOU DARE, ANRI!

MIKIHITO, STOP JUST LAZING AROUND!!
SENA! THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO TAKE!!
I don't like this... messy stuff.
VICE PRINCI-PAL!

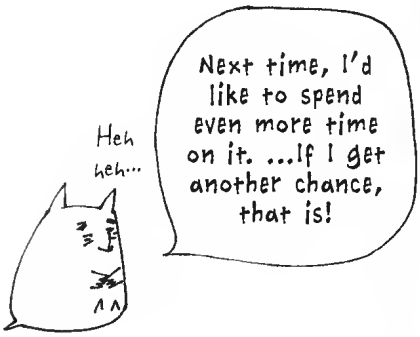
WHAAAM
ドーン
AND YOU STOP TOO, KURO-GANE!
WHAM
ドーン

YEAH! YEAH!
わあっ わあっ
IF YOU DON'T CUT IT OUT THIS INSTANT, YOU'RE NOT GONNA GET OFF WITH JUST THREE SLAPS THIS TIME!
FWOOSH

A BLOODBATH...
死屍累々....
THE RESULT:
UNABLE TO
DETERMINE RESULT
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS CRAP!
THE ONE WHO LAID AROUND DURING ALL THE CHAOS
THE ONE WHO STOLE WHAT MUSTN'T BE STOLEN
THE ONE WHO KICKED THE CRAP OUT OF FRIEND AND FOE ALIKE
THE ONE WHO TOOK THE HEADBANDS OF FRIEND AND FOE ALIKE
GLARE
WHISPER WHISPER
LOOK! THAT'S HER! THAT'S THE GIRL WHO WAS YELLING BEFORE!
SHE'S GOT THOSE FOUR LINED UP IN FRONT OF HER! HOW SCARY!
WHISPER WHISPER
WHISPER WHISPER
HEH HEH
I WISH YEW COULD SEE YER FACE, TAIGA-CHAN!
ANRI!

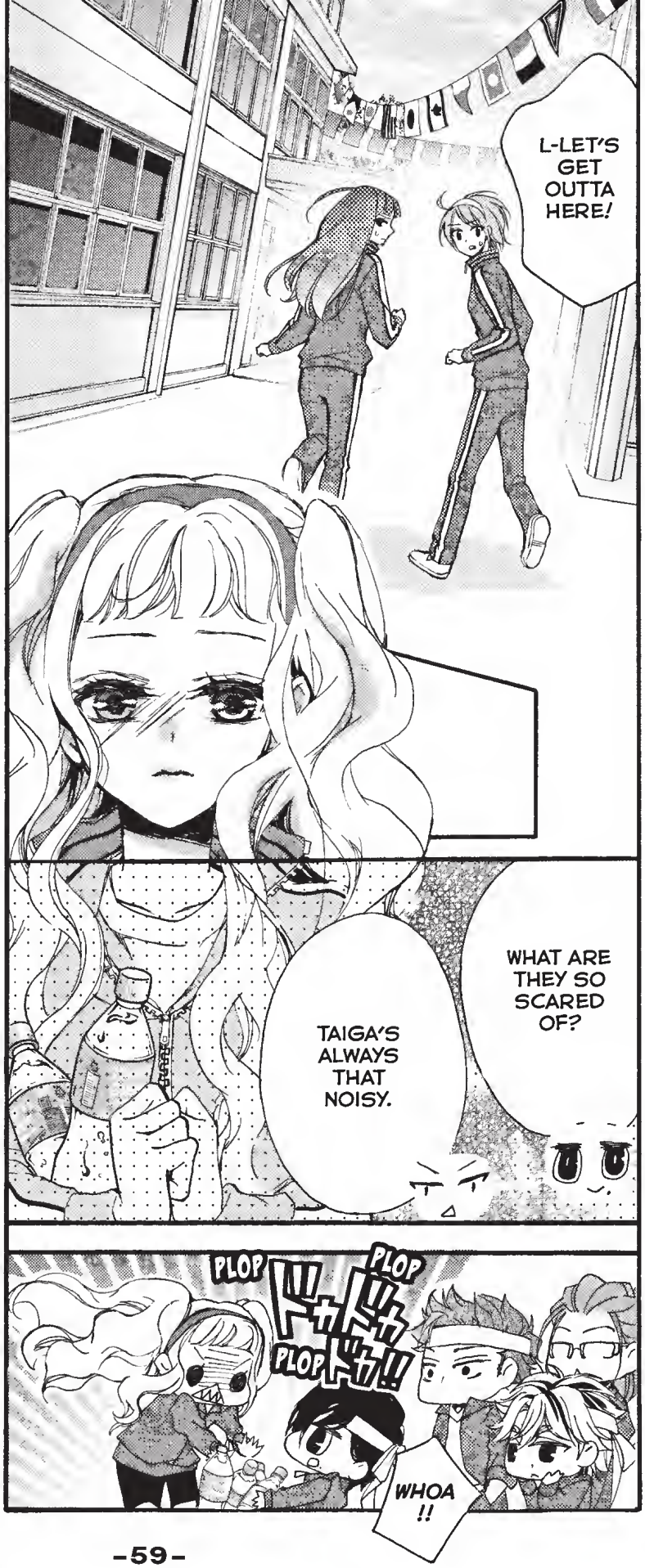
3 ABOUT CROSS-DRESSING

THIS CHAPTER WAS ALSO VERY FUN TO DRAW. I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DRAW AT LEAST ONE CROSSDRESSING CHAPTER, EVEN BEFORE I STARTED THIS SERIES.



IN THE PLANNING MEETING, MY EDITOR EVEN ASKED ME, "IS HIS CROSSDRESSING LOOK GONNA...WORK OUT?"

BUT I'M GLAD KUROGANE MANAGED TO TRANSFORM. *PHEW!*



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TAIGA-CHAN!
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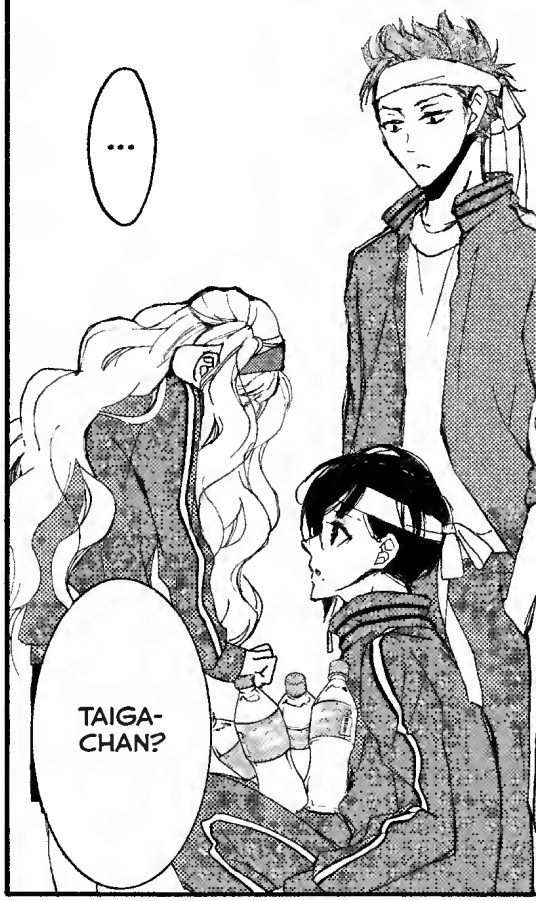
ZOOM
GOOD WORK, KUROGANE!
ANRI


...
TAIGA-CHAN?

GOOD WORK, KUROGANE!
ANRI
In just a few moments ...
the borrowing race will begin.

ENTRANCE
Aha ha!
I KNOW THAT BETTER THAN ANYONE.
And then...
I KNOW THAT.
CHATTER CHATTER
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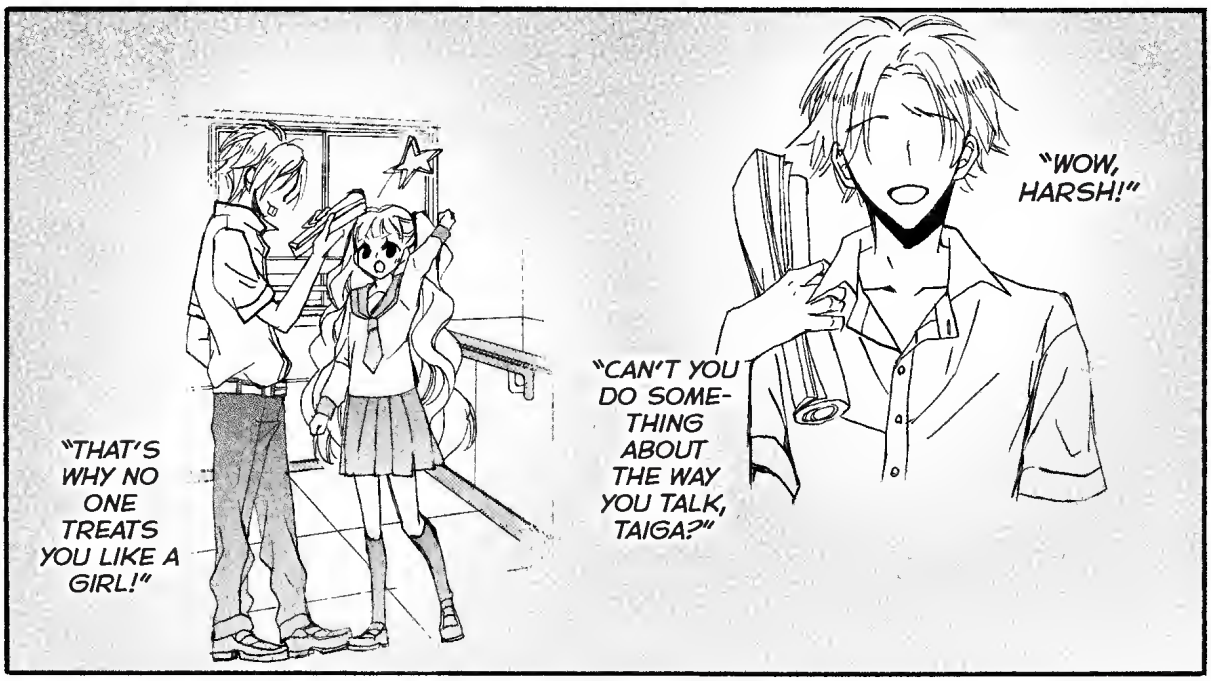
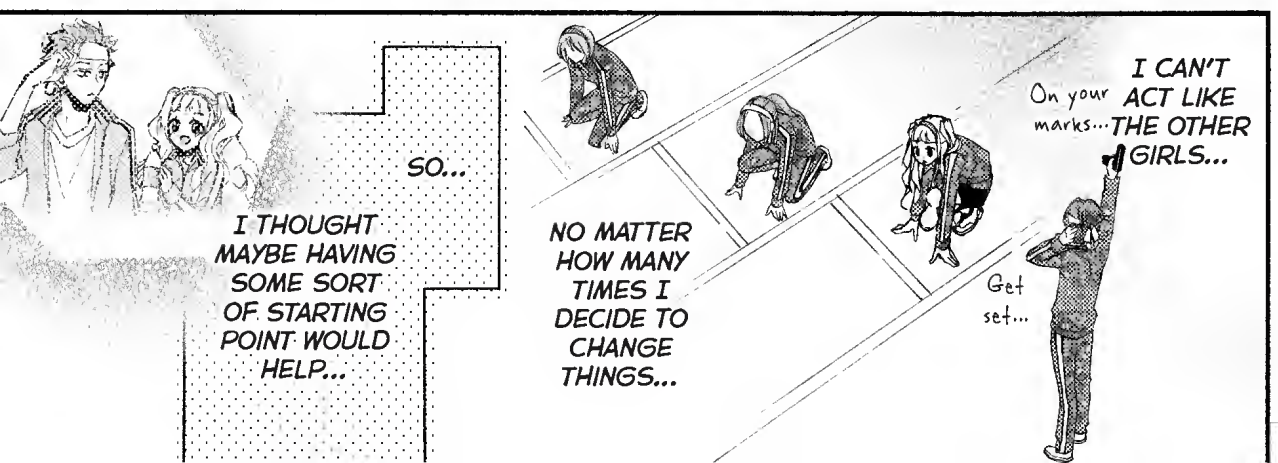
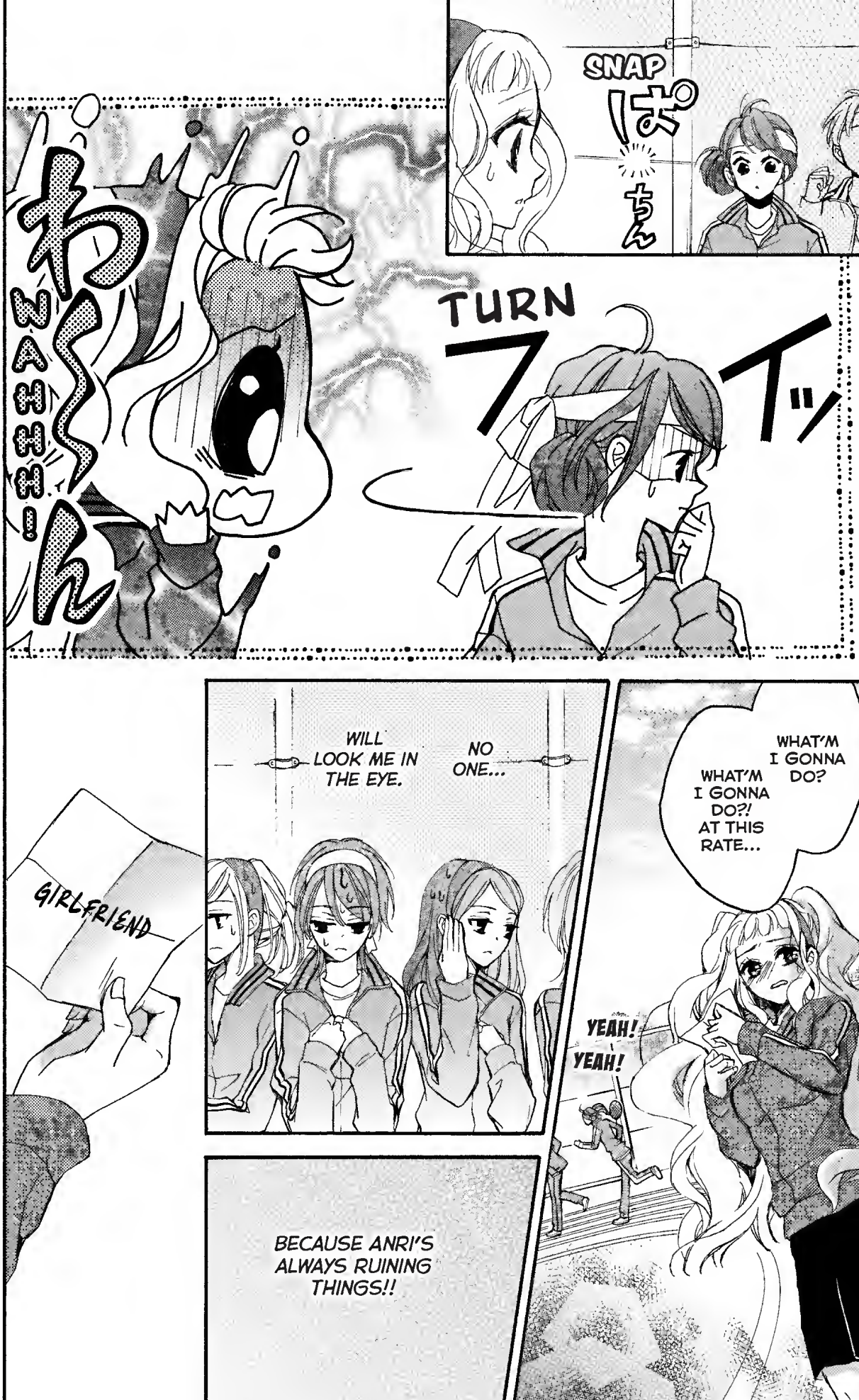

"THAT'S WHY NO ONE TREATS YOU LIKE A GIRL!"
"CAN'T YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE WAY YOU TALK, TAIGA?"
"WOW, HARSH!"

I TALKED TO HIM SO MUCH TODAY!
I'm so happy!
GOSH, I WONDER IF HE'S WATCHING!
ME TOO!


SO...
I THOUGHT MAYBE HAVING SOME SORT OF STARTING POINT WOULD HELP...
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I DECIDE TO CHANGE THINGS...
On your marks...
Get set...
I CAN'T ACT LIKE THE OTHER GIRLS...

YEAH!
YEAH!
GO FOR IT!
YOU WERE SO COOL, KUROGANE!
GOOD WORK, KUROGANE!
BANG
ANRI, YOU IDIOT!!
ERK!

GIRLFRIEND
It appears her card says "girl-friend."
...IS THERE ANYONE WHO FITS... THAT?
What's going on out there? Taiga Takachiho-san has frozen up on the track.
Oh?
Y-YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!!
AARGH!


SNAP
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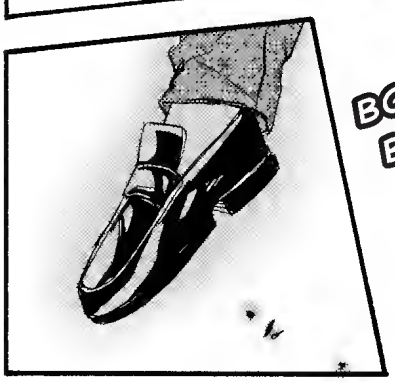
ちん
TURN
ターン
わぁぁぁぁ!
WAHHH!
WHAT'M I GONNA DO?
WHAT'M I GONNA DO?! AT THIS RATE...
YEAH!
YEAH!
NO ONE...
WILL LOOK ME IN THE EYE.
GIRLFRIEND
BECAUSE ANRI'S ALWAYS RUINING THINGS!!

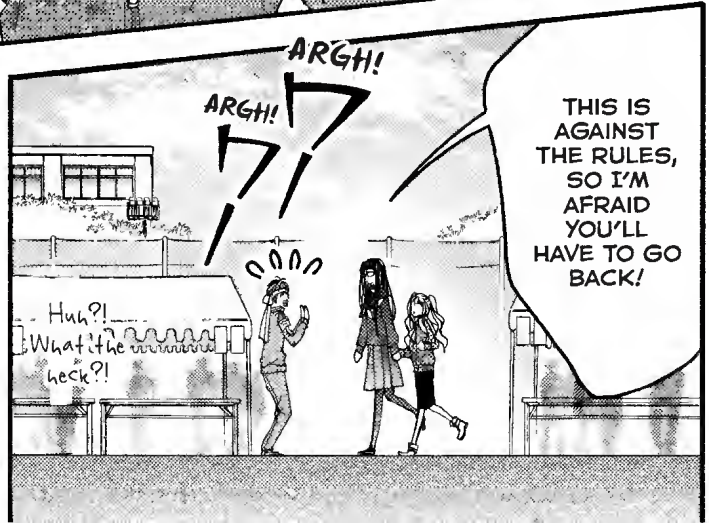
I ALWAYS COME OUT FIGHTING TO SEEM BIGGER AND PROTECT MYSELF...
I'M GETTING MY JUST DESERTS!!
...I BUILD UP WALLS TO KEEP PEOPLE OUT, BUT THEN I REGRET IT LATER...
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
NO...
ISN'T THE REAL PROBLEM... ME?
FWIP
HUH...?
サラッ...
FWISH
WHO IS SHE...?

ATHLETICS FESTIVAL
HUU-UUUU-UH?!?!
WAIT, IS THAT VOICE...?
HUH?
HUH?
HUH?
OH, WELL. I GUESS ANRI-CHAN'LL RUN TO THE GOAL WITH YEW.

IN FACT, ISN'T HE PRETTIER THAN THE GIRLS?!
NO WAY! ANRI-SEMPAI'S SO PRETTY!
きゃおっ♡ きゃおっ♡
EEK! EEK!
HUH?! WHAT THE?! IS HE IN DRAG?!
TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP
Whoa! He's fast! He's not even looking where he's going!!

YOU KIND OF NEED TO BRING A "GIRL" WITH YOU!
HUH?! HANG ON!
YOU CAN'T DO THAT!
ORGANI


BOO! BOO!


ARGH!
ARGH!
THIS IS AGAINST THE RULES, SO I'M AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO GO BACK!
Huh?! What the heck?!

OH, PULL THAT STICK OUT OF YOUR ASS! THERE'S FOUR OF US!
THAT'S GOTTA COUNT FOR AT LEAST ONE GIRL!
O-OKAY!
GANIZER
K-KURO-GANE?!
DON'T STARE SO MUCH.
SENA!
EVEN MIKI-HITO!
I'm not losing to you losers.
I'm the cutest.

GUYS...
I'M WARNING YOU NOW! THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH OUR BET!
THANK YOU! I'M SO HAPPY!

EEK!
キャー
EEK!
キャー
I've never seen those four like that!
T-Taiga Takachiho-san has come from behind to win!
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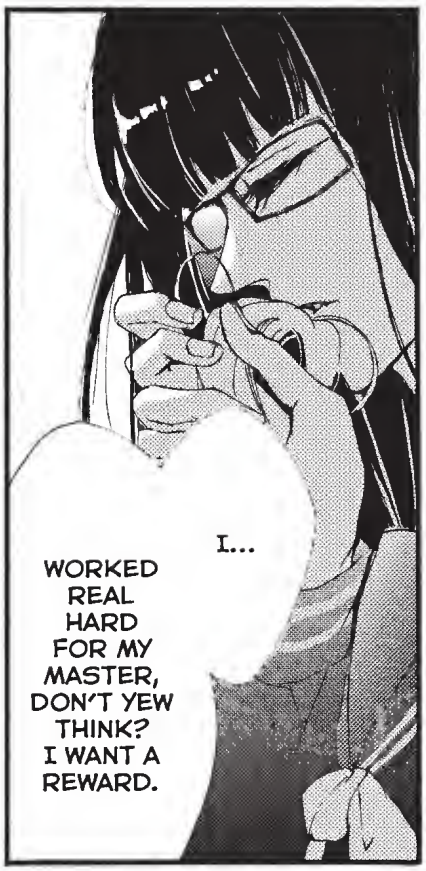
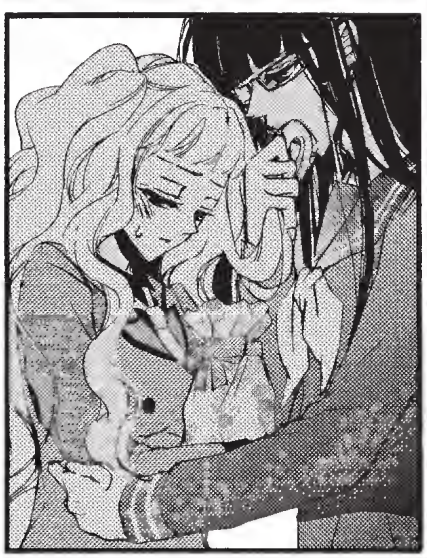
WOOO
MURMUR MURMUR
I MIGHT WANT TO TALK TO HER!
MAYBE SHE'S NOT SO MUCH "SCARY" AS "AMAZING"?
C-CAN YOU BELIEVE TAKACHIHO-SAN GOT THEM TO DRESS UP LIKE THAT?!
MURMUR MURMUR


I...
WORKED REAL HARD FOR MY MASTER, DON'T YEW THINK? I WANT A REWARD.



RUSTLE

A-
ANRI!
UM...
DON'T YOU THINK...
YOU'RE STANDING A LITTLE CLOSE?

Jeez! How long are you gonna stay in those clothes?
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU EVEN MADE MIKIHITO, SENA, AND KUROGANE DRESS LIKE THAT!
...JEEZ!
WHAT'RE YEW TALKIN' ABOUT? THOSE THREE ACTUALLY ENJOYED IT.
CRUNCH CRUNCH
I BET YEW WERE REAL GLAD WHEN KUROGANE SHOWED UP...
RIGHT, TAIGA-CHAN?
HE KEEPS SAVING ME...
Aha ha!
HOW CUTE!
WEREN'T YEW GONNA GET CLOSER TO HIM ONE STEP AT A TIME OR SOMETHIN'? BUT, TAIGA-CHAN...
GIRLS IN LOVE ARE GREEDY. EVERY TIME YEW GET ONE STEP CLOSER, YEW'LL WANT MORE AND MORE.
...!

I WONDER WHAT'D HAPPEN IF YEW TOLD HIM YEW LIKE HIM.
I TOLD YOU I'M NOT READY YET!
I CAN'T DO IT! I CAN'T DO IT! I DEFINITELY CAN'T DO IT!
CRUNCH CRUNCH
サクサク

I WANNA SEE IT! I WANNA SEE IT!
I CAN'T!!
I NEED TIME TO PREPARE MYSELF!
AW, WHY NOT?

DIDN'T YOU SEE MY BIG FAILURE TODAY?!
I'M SO EMBARRASSED I CAN BARELY LOOK HIM IN THE FACE!

SHIVER
OH, I LIKE THAT... I LOVE SEEIN' YEW MAD, BUT THAT TROUBLED FACE DRIVES ME WILD TOO.

YOU KNOW I CAN'T SAY I LIKE KUROGANE!!
HEH!
BUT YEW JUST DID?
THUNK
...DID YEW HEAR THAT, KUROGANE?

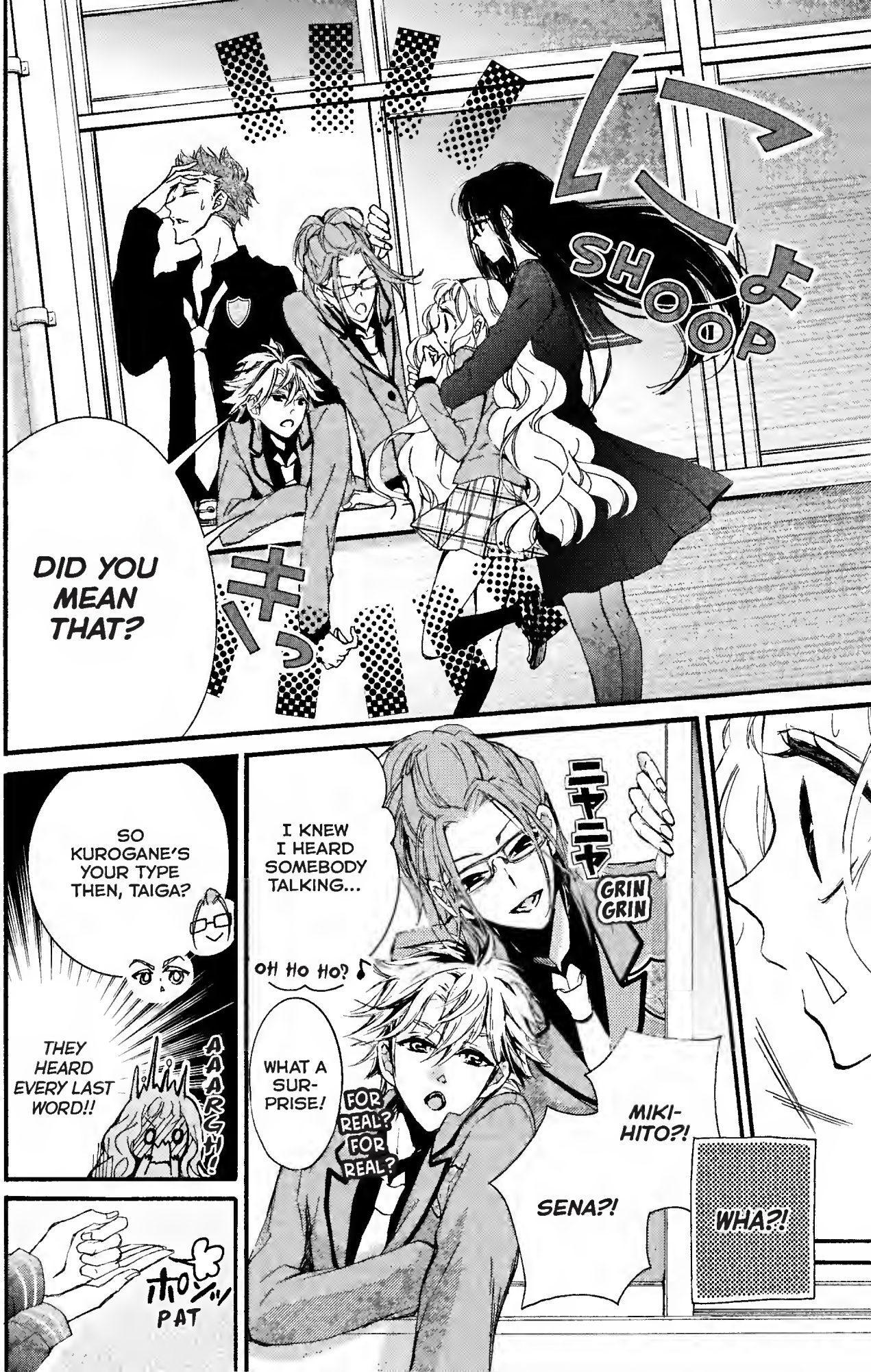
"I LIKE KUROGANE!"
I'M A LITTLE BIT GREEDY MYSELF...
SO I'M HUNGRY FOR MORE AND MORE...
...OF YER TROUBLED FACE.

TRAP 7

Nightstreet Candy

"I LIKE KUROGANE!"
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
H-HE HEARD ME?! KUROGANE HEARD ME SAY... THAT?!

BA-
DUMP
BA-
DUMP
BA-
DUMP
HEH
...TAIGA—
WAIT A MINUTE, KURO-GANE! I...
W-
WH-WH-WH-WHAT'M I GONNA DO?!


SHOOP
DID YOU MEAN THAT?
WHA?!
MIKI-HITO?!
SENA?!
GRIN GRIN
I KNEW I HEARD SOMEBODY TALKING...
OH HO HO? ♪
WHAT A SUR-PRISE!
FOR REAL? FOR REAL?
SO KUROGANE'S YOUR TYPE THEN, TAIGA?
THEY HEARD EVERY LAST WORD!!
AAARGH!
PAT

I DIDN'T WANT HIM TO FIND OUT LIKE THIS!
I SEE RIGHT THROUGH YOU.
OOPSIE! ☆
COME TO THINK OF IT, WE'RE RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE BOYS' LOCKER ROOM!
AN!! RI!!
I DON'T BELIEVE HIM! I DON'T BELIEVE HIM!

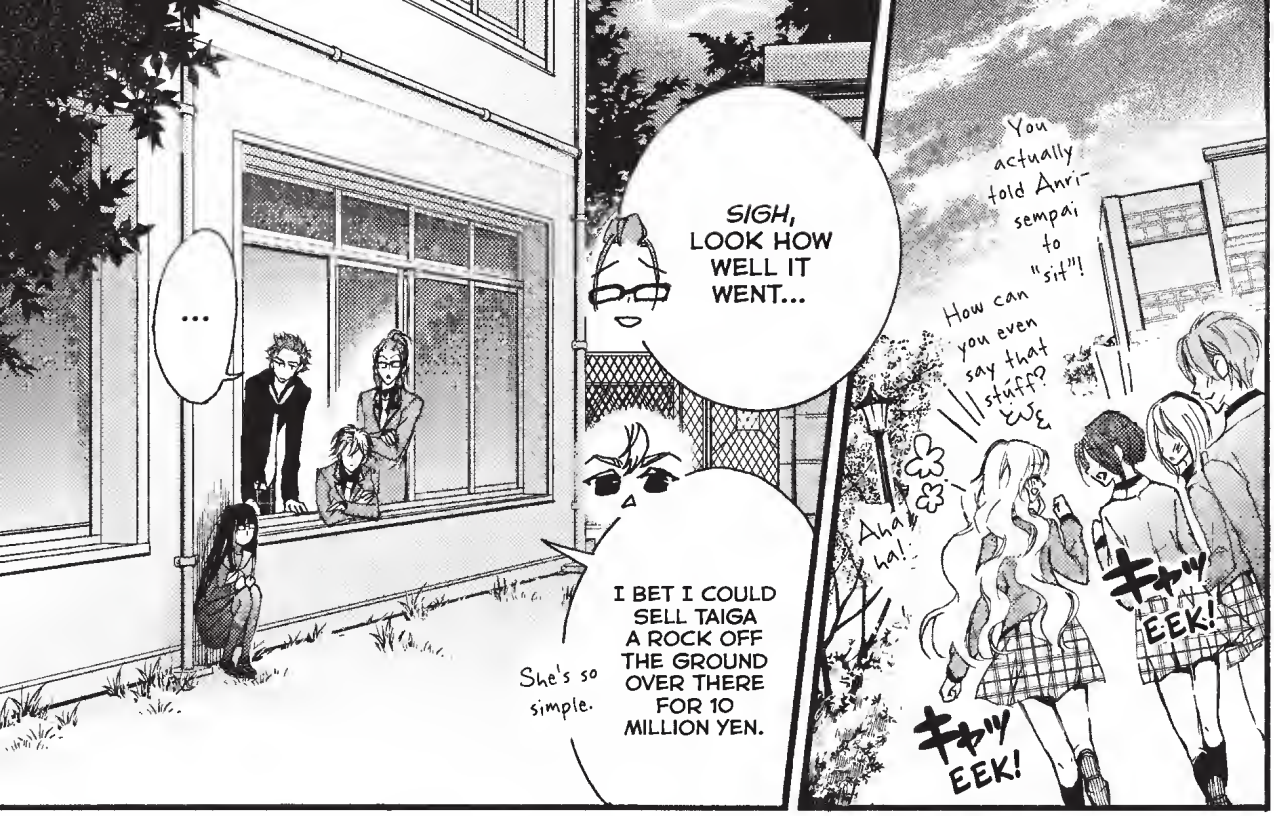
?!?!
ANRI! I KNOW THIS IS ANOTHER OF YOUR STUPID JOKES. YOU'VE GOTTA STOP THAT CRAP.
TSK!
HUH?
HUH? KURO-GANE?
WHAT? IT WAS JUST A JOKE?
JUST THINK ABOUT IT, STUPID.
ANRI LOVES TOYING WITH PEOPLE.
HOW CAN YEW SAY THAT, KUROGANE? YEW KNOW I'M A STRAIGHT-SHOOTER.
FWAP
YEP, DEFINITELY A BAD JOKE.
GOTTA BE A BAD PRANK.
...

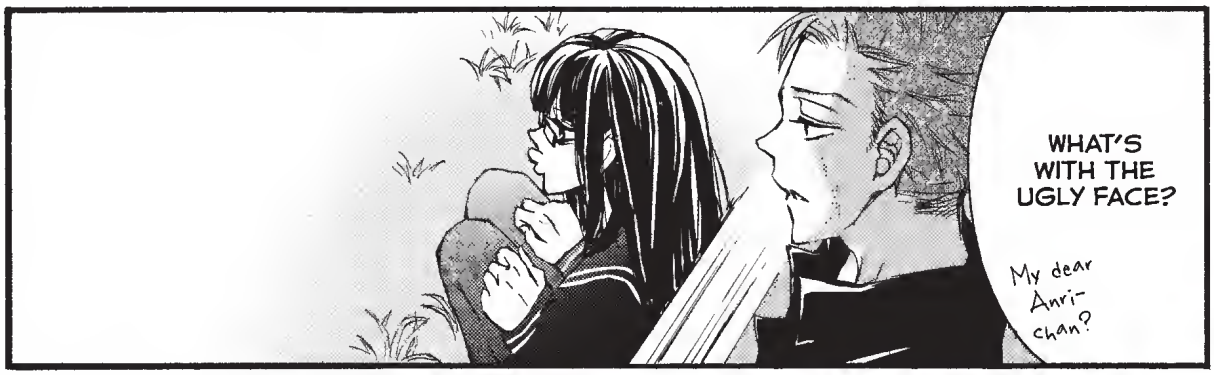
TAIGA!
BA-DUMP
ドキン
I ALREADY FORGOT ABOUT IT..
...
...HUH?
HUH?
WHAT DOES HE MEAN? HE FORGOT?
STARE
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
I AIN'T LOOKIN' AT NOTHIN'.
YEAH, YOU ARE.
SO...

MY LITTLE CONFESSION NEVER HAPPENED? IS THAT WHAT THAT MEANS?
OH! THERE SHE IS! IT'S TAKACHIHO-SAN!
STOMP STOMP
パタ パタ
!
IT'S EVERYONE FROM CLASS!
?
DISTANCE
OH!
FREEZE
ピタ…!!
WH-WHAT SHOULD WE DO? SHE'S WITH THEM.
ヒソヒソ
WHISPER WHISPER
ARE WE REALLY GONNA TALK TO HER?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT US. JUST GO.
HEH!
イラッ
GRR...
KUROGANE, YOU'RE LETTING YOUR ANGER SHOW TOO MUCH.
HUH?
THEY'RE HERE TO SEE YOU.
HUH?!
BA-DUMP
ドキ
FIDGET
もじ...
FIDGET
もじ...
T-TO SEE ME?!
ANRII-!!!!!!!!!!!!
CHOMP
FLINCH
もじ
FIDGET
もじっ
FIDGET

ANRI!!
...
Every-one's watching! Jeez!
GET OFF ME!
CHOMP
はむ！
WHAP WHAP
WHAP WHAP
I SAID...
GET OFFA ME!
SIT!
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU, ANRI?!
HEH HEH!
AHA HA HA!
HUH?


...
SIGH, LOOK HOW WELL IT WENT...
I BET I COULD SELL TAIGA A ROCK OFF THE GROUND OVER THERE FOR 10 MILLION YEN.
She's so simple.
You actually told Anri-sempai to "sit"!
How can you even say that stuff? ε(-_-;)ε
Aha ha!
キャッ EEK!
キャッ EEK!

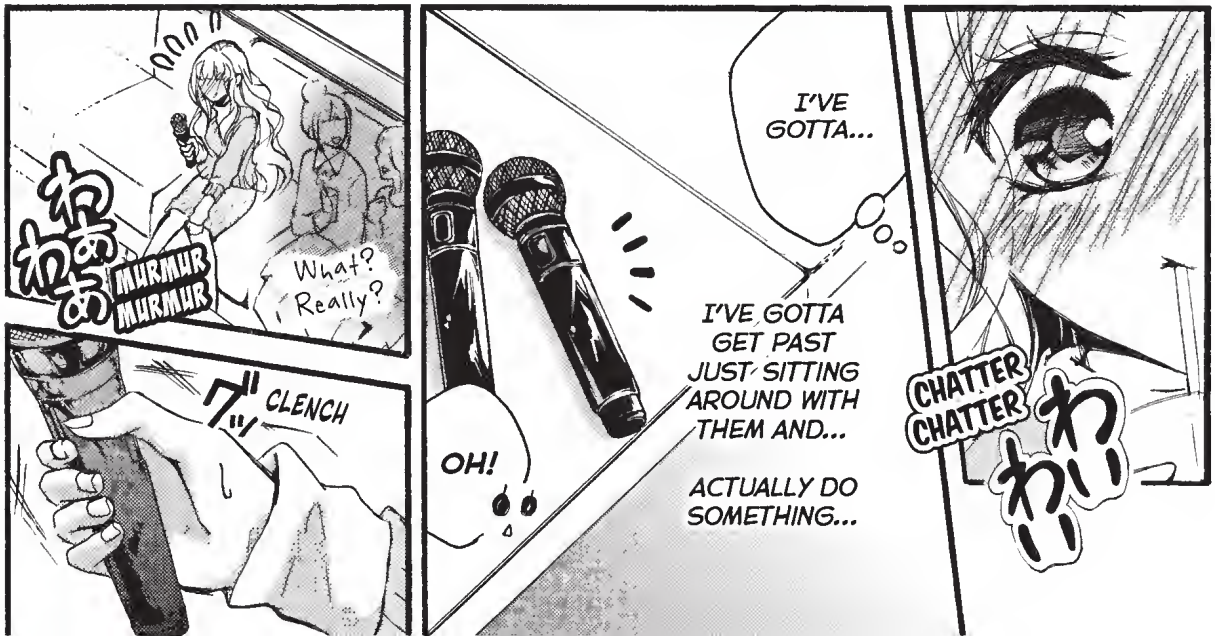

WHAT'S WITH THE UGLY FACE?
My dear Anri-chan?

"I ALREADY FORGOT ABOUT IT."
IT WAS HARD TO TELL WHETHER SHE WAS RELIEVED...
OR DISAP-POINTED...
SIGH...
THE WAY TAIGA-CHAN ACTED BEFORE...

...THAT'S NO FUN.
CHANGE CLOTHES ALREADY.
カラオケ
KARAOKE
100ki
THE MOST SONGS IN ALL JAPAN!!
EVERYONE'S STAGE FOR ENTERTAINMENT
わあっ
WOOW!
AN AFTERPARTY FOR THE ATHLETICS FESTIVAL?
YEP! WE DECIDED TO GO OUT FOR KARAOKE!
Let's go!

EVERY-BODY HERE?
AHA HAHA! AND THEN...
CHATTER CHATTER わいわい
OH GOSH!!
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DRINK, TAKACHI-HO-SAN?
I'm having milk tea!
No one asked you, Miku!
Aha ha ha!
OH JEEZ! OH JEEZ!
UM!
OH!
GIRLS! WHADDA YOU WANT TO DRINK?
YEAH, YEAH!
Me too!
I LOVE THE CAFFE MOCHAS!
THE MAPLE LATTES ARE REALLY YUMMY!
YAY! YAY!
DON'T YOU GET HUNGRY JUST LOOKING AT THE MENU?
I wanna have some potato chips!
OH! THEY'VE GOT POTATO CHIPS TOO!
THEY HAVE FRIED CHICKEN!
I LOVE MEAT TOO!

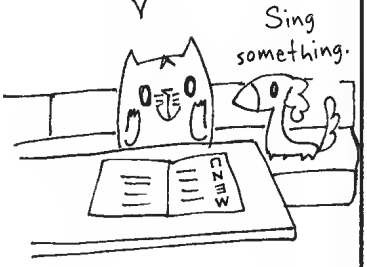
体育祭あっ
HERE'S TO A GREAT ATHLETICS FESTIVAL!
AHA HA HA!
BA-DUMP
ドキ
BA-DUMP
ドキ
Really? And then?
Aha ha ha!
GLUG GLUG
TH-THEY'RE HERE FOR KARAOKE WITH SO MANY PEOPLE.
WOW!!


わあわあ
MURMUR MURMUR
What? Really?
グッ
CLENCH
OH!
I'VE GOTTA...
I'VE GOTTA GET PAST JUST SITTING AROUND WITH THEM AND...
ACTUALLY DO SOMETHING...
CHATTER CHATTER
わいわい

4 ABOUT KARAOKE

KARAOKE THESE DAYS IS AMAZING!! YOUR FRIEND TORIUMI ONLY GOES VEEERY OCCASIONALLY, BUT IS BLOWN AWAY EVERY TIME!

Even just with tea, they have black tea, Japanese tea, Chinese tea, herb tea, etc. So many different varieties of tea! Just looking at the menu gets me excited!



DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE ITEM ON THE KARAOKE PLACE MENUS?

Your friend Toriumi once got hung up on black soybean tea and drank nothing but that!

UM! UM!

IF YOU'D LIKE, MAYBE WE COULD...

WHUMP

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You three are going to sing?

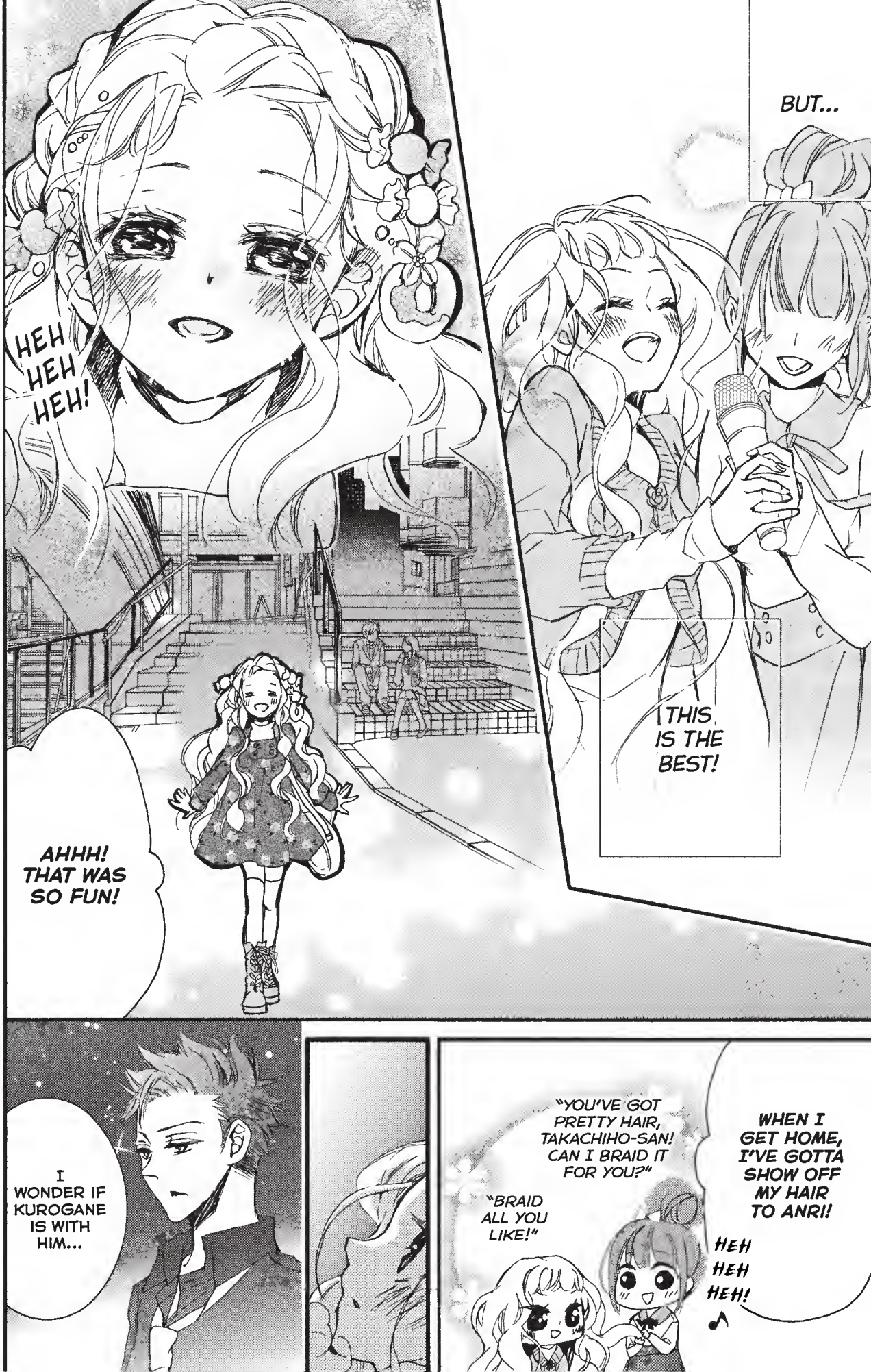
Let me sing with you!

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SING?

Oh, um...

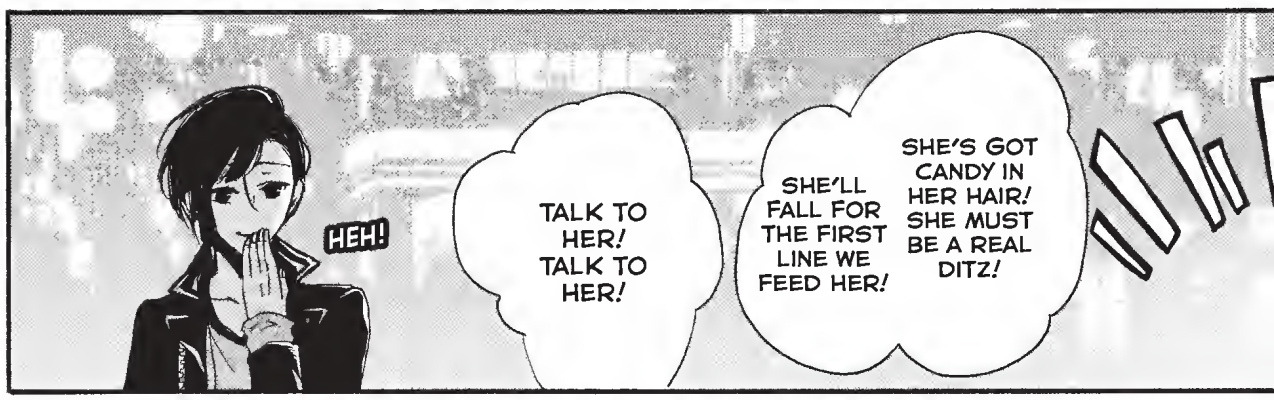
I'M STILL A LITTLE...

AWKWARD...

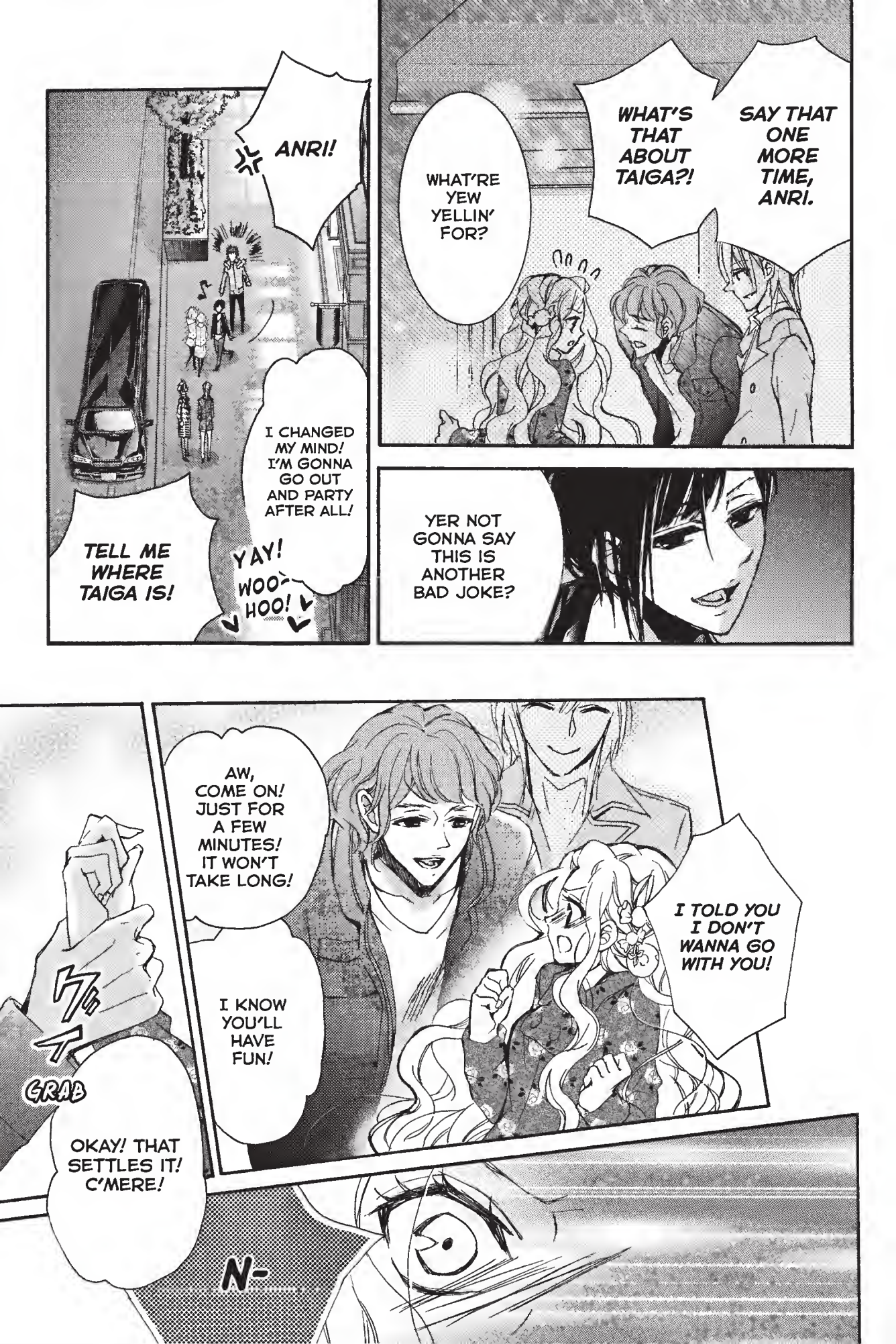

BUT...
THIS IS THE BEST!
HEH HEH HEH!
AHHH! THAT WAS SO FUN!
I WONDER IF KUROGANE IS WITH HIM...
"YOU'VE GOT PRETTY HAIR, TAKACHIHO-SAN! CAN I BRAID IT FOR YOU?"
"BRAID ALL YOU LIKE!"
WHEN I GET HOME, I'VE GOTTA SHOW OFF MY HAIR TO ANRI!
HEH HEH HEH! ♪

I'M NOT LETTING YOU LEAVE YET.
NO!
I KIND OF GAVE HIM THE SLIP AND CAME HERE...
I WONDER WHAT HE'S DOING...
ANNOYING GIRLS ARE JUST LIKE A SWARM OF BUGS!
SIGH!
YOU USUALLY STAY UP WITH US ALL NIGHT!
Right, Anri-kun?
JUST IGNORE HIM. HE'S BEEN POUTING ALL NIGHT.
WANNA TALK TO HER?
HEY, YOU THINK THAT GIRL'S ALONE?
IGNORE
Let's go, Anri-kun!

WELL, IF IT AIN'T TAIGA-CHAN!
Let's go before someone else gets to her!

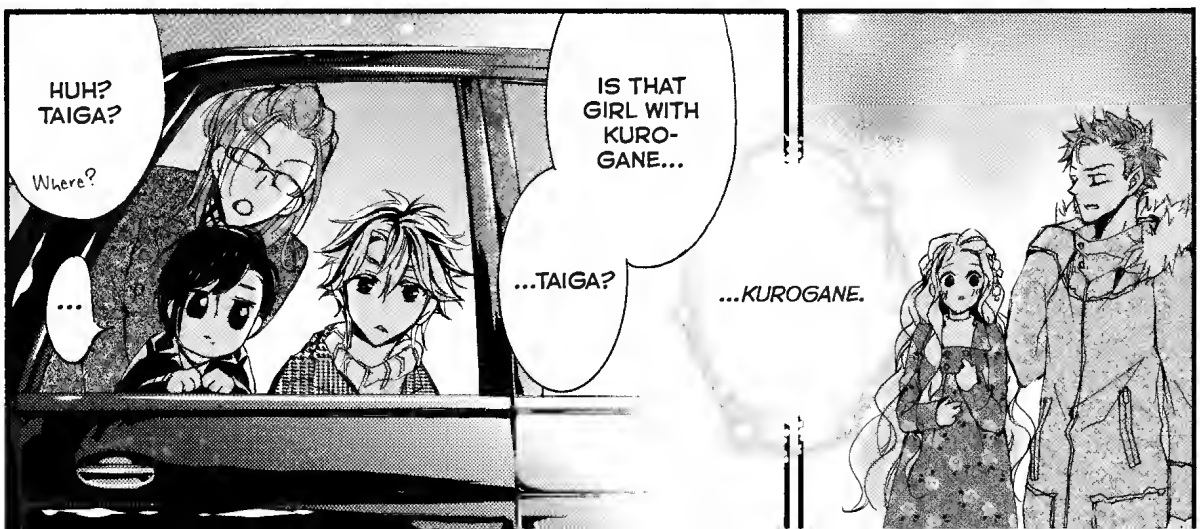

HEH!
TALK TO HER! TALK TO HER!
SHE'LL FALL FOR THE FIRST LINE WE FEED HER!
SHE'S GOT CANDY IN HER HAIR! SHE MUST BE A REAL DITZ!

SOME GUYS ARE TRYIN' TO PICK UP TAIGA-CHAN RIGHT THIS VERY MINUTE.
SHUT UP. STOP YOUR GRUMBLING.
KURO-GANE! KURO-GANE!
OH YEAH? REALLY? I DON'T CA-
WAVE WAVE
HUH?!


ANRI!
I CHANGED MY MIND! I'M GONNA GO OUT AND PARTY AFTER ALL!
YAY!
WOO-HOO!
TELL ME WHERE TAIGA IS!
WHAT'RE YEW YELLIN' FOR?
WHAT'S THAT ABOUT TAIGA?!
SAY THAT ONE MORE TIME, ANRI.
YER NOT GONNA SAY THIS IS ANOTHER BAD JOKE?
AW, COME ON! JUST FOR A FEW MINUTES! IT WON'T TAKE LONG!
I KNOW YOU'LL HAVE FUN!
I TOLD YOU I DON'T WANNA GO WITH YOU!
GRAB
OKAY! THAT SETTLES IT! C'MERE!
N-

WHAT, YOU'RE GONNA TRY AND FIGHT US?
IF YOU EMBARRASS ME IN FRONT OF ALL THESE PEOPLE...
...I MIGHT HAVE TO GET ANGRY.
SQUEEZE
OW!

W-
We're sorry!!
DON'T TOUCH HER!!
CRACK


HUH? TAIGA?
Where?
...
IS THAT GIRL WITH KURO-GANE...
...TAIGA?
...KUROGANE.

HM-HMM.
TAKE US OUT.
Huh? You're gonna leave Kurogane?
VROOOM
HEY, ANRI... DO YOU WANT TO GET IN THEIR WAY OR HELP THEM OUT?
HMM?
WAS THE WHOLE TAIGA LIKING KUROGANE THING...
ACTUALLY TRUE?
HEH!
AIN'T I A NAUGHTY BUT CUTE PET?
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP

DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE HURT YOU.
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
PSHHH

THE CAR'S GONE.
CRAP. ANRI, THAT JERK.
WHAP
はっ
...!
BA-DUMP
STARE
?
AND I CAN'T LET YOU WALK HOME ALONE...
LET'S GO.
?!
HUH?!
UM... KURO-GANE?
Go where?
KURO-GANE!
すたすたすたすた
TMP TMP TMP TMP
ISN'T IT A LITTLE WAYS TO YOUR HOUSE FROM HERE?
HURRY IT UP.
!!!!

He's got such broad shoulders!!
きゅん SQUEE
HA!
WHERE...
WHERE SHOULD I WALK?!
GLANCE GLANCE
チラ チラ
BESIDE HIM? NO, NO! I'M NOT HIS GIRL-FRIEND...
AND IF I GET TOO CLOSE TO HIM, HE MIGHT NOT LIKE IT...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
HE'S WALKING ME HOME?!
HUUUH?!
I'M GOING HOME WITH KUROGANE?!
Some-thing's different about me today!!
YOU'RE CUTE WITH THEM CANDIES IN YOUR HAIR, MISSY.
HIC
ひっく

ナニ!
GLARE
近寄るな!
STAY AWAY FROM TIIG!
黒鉄に近寄るな!
KEEP AWAY FROM KUROGANE!
FLINCH
ビクッ

HMPH!
...
WHOOSH
ささ

FWIP
ワイ
WHOA!
WHOA!
YOU WALK IN FRONT! THAT WAY I CAN SEE YOU!

DON'T YOU WORRY, KUROGANE! I WON'T LET ANY DANGER COME YOUR WAY!
WAIT, WHY ARE YOU PRO-TECTING ME? SHOULDN'T THAT BE MY JOB?

HUH?
I-I-I-ISN'T MY HAIR CUTE?!
HUH...
GLARE
HOW CUTE! YOU LOOK GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT!
EEK!
A GIRL FROM CLASS DID IT FOR ME AT THE AFTER-PARTY!
HUH.
"HUH"? COME ON, KURO-GANE!
Listen to me when I'm talking!
I EVEN WORKED UP THE NERVE TO ASK FOR A SONG AT KARAOKE!
OH! RIGHT. BECAUSE I'VE GOT CANDY IN MY HAIR...
SORRY ABOUT THAT.

KEEP IT LIKE THAT.
BA-DUMP
IS IT JUST MY IMAGINATION OR IS EVERYONE LOOKING AT US?
?
WELL, YEAH. YOU'VE GOT A HEADSTRONG-LOOKING CHICK LEADING AROUND A GUY LIKE ME.
YOU MUST LOOK LIKE MY MISTRESS OR SOMETHING.
Oh, pipe down.
MIS-?! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TOLD ME TO WALK IN FRONT!!

I WON'T LET ANY OF 'EM EVEN TALK TO YOU.
SO DON'T WORRY, MISTRESS.
SHEESH! DON'T CALL ME "MISTRESS"! THAT'S RUDE!
NORMALLY...
I'D BE REALLY, REALLY HURT.

HA HA HA!
I LIKE KUROGANE.
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP

Sera Cafe
Phew! It gets cold out at night!
Aha ha ha!
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
HONK HOOONK
TAIGA?
"I'M GLAD WE WENT FOR IT AND TALKED TO YOU!"
I LIKE HIM.

I DON'T WANT TO PRETEND IT DIDN'T HAPPEN.
I LIKE YOU, KUROGANE!
ざわざわ…
MURMUR MURMUR

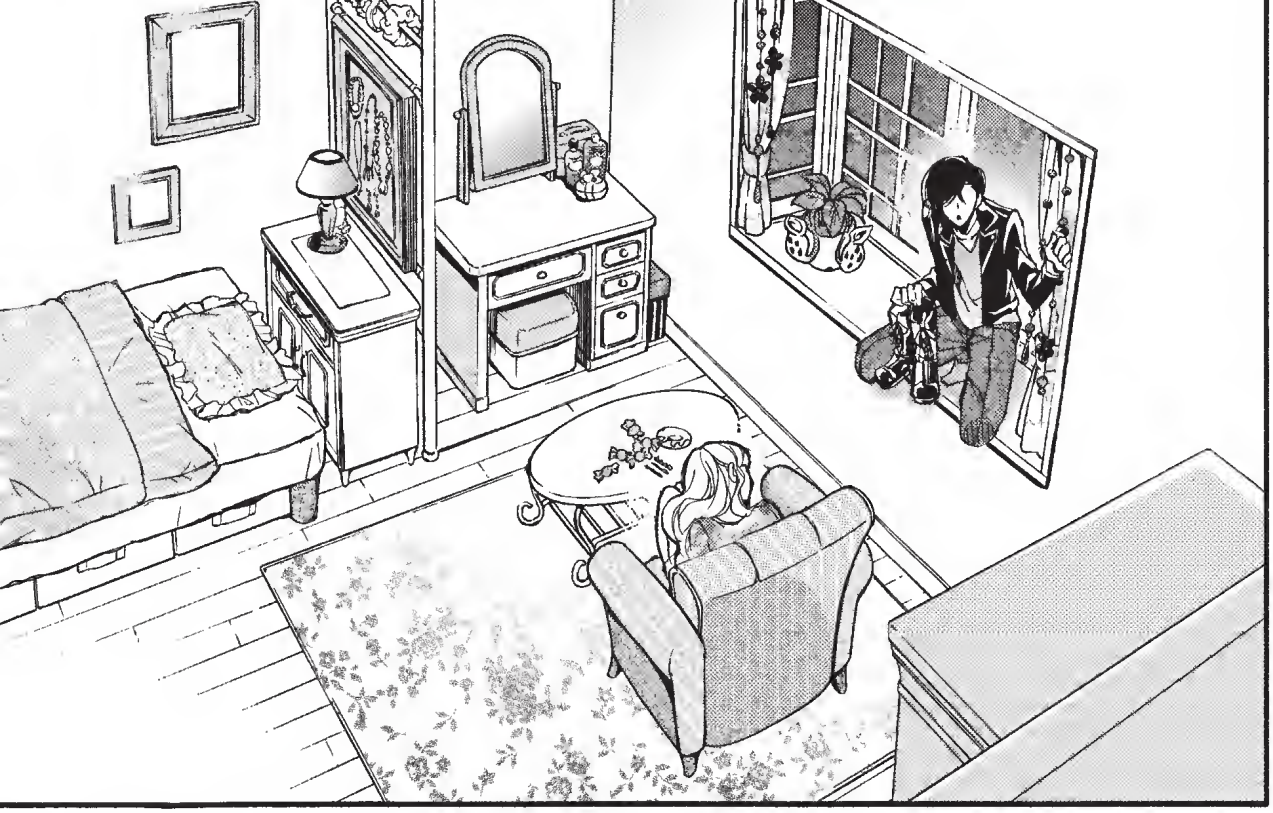
WHAT DO YOU THINK KUROGANE'LL DO?
CHATTER CHATTER ざわざわ
HMM?
I MEAN, ON THE OFF CHANCE...
EEK! きゃ
EEK! きゃ♥
THAT TAIGA REALLY DOES ASK HIM OUT.
CHATTER CHATTER ざわざわ
WHAT? NO WAY. NOT A CHANCE.
Not a single chance.
...
KUROGANE'S NICE AND ALL, BUT HE WOULDN'T RUN OFF WITH A GIRL HE'S GOT NO FEELINGS FOR.
AHA HA!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN. WHAT ABOUT ANRI?
ANRI THE PET.
STARE

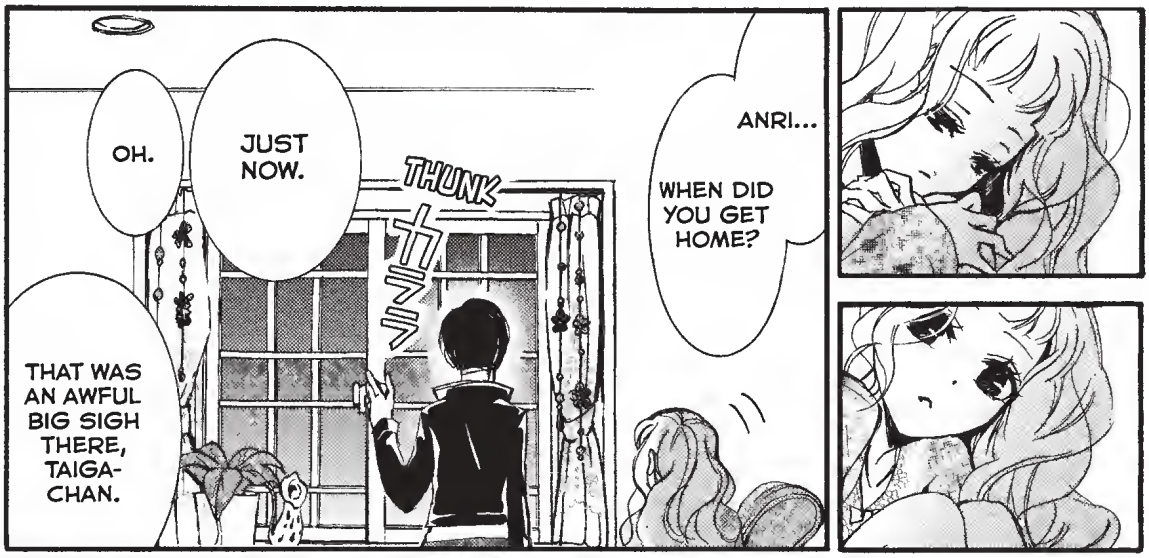
YOU DON'T HAVE THE LEAST INTENTION OF LETTING YOUR MASTER GET AWAY, DO YOU, ANRI?
HEH!
BUT WHY ARE YOU SO FIXATED ON TAIGA?

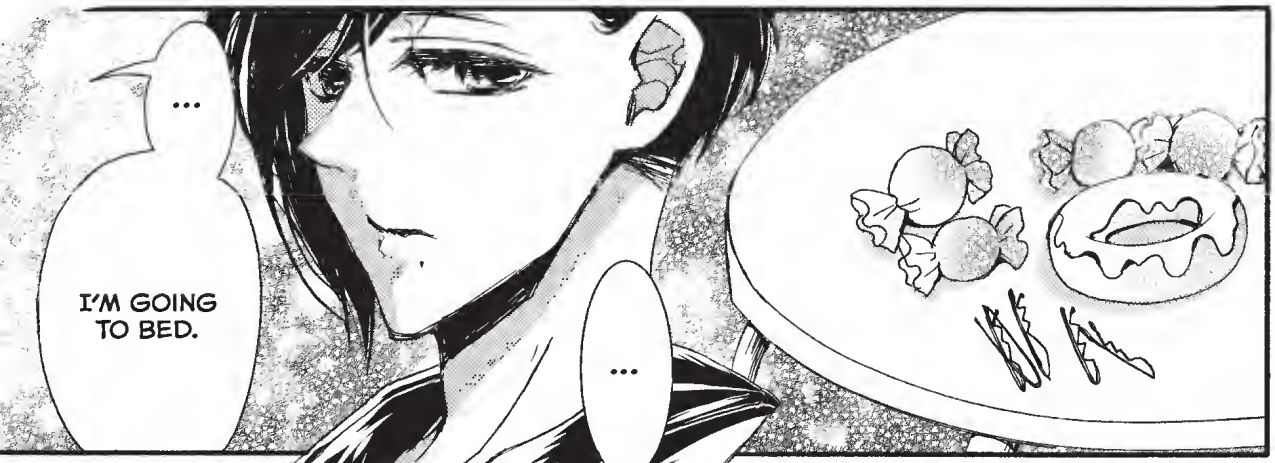
TRAP 8

A Sweet Kiss Through a Doughnut

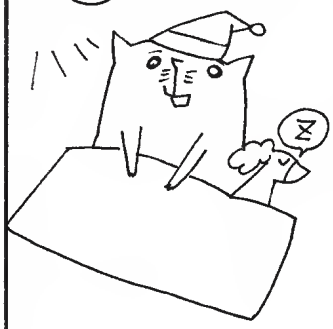
"ONCE I'M IN HIGH SCHOOL,
I'M GONNA HAVE A DREAMY ROMANCE
WITH A GORGEOUS BOY!"
...SIGH.




OH.
JUST NOW.
THUNK
ガララ
ANRI...
WHEN DID YOU GET HOME?
THAT WAS AN AWFUL BIG SIGH THERE, TAIGA-CHAN.


...
I'M GOING TO BED.
...

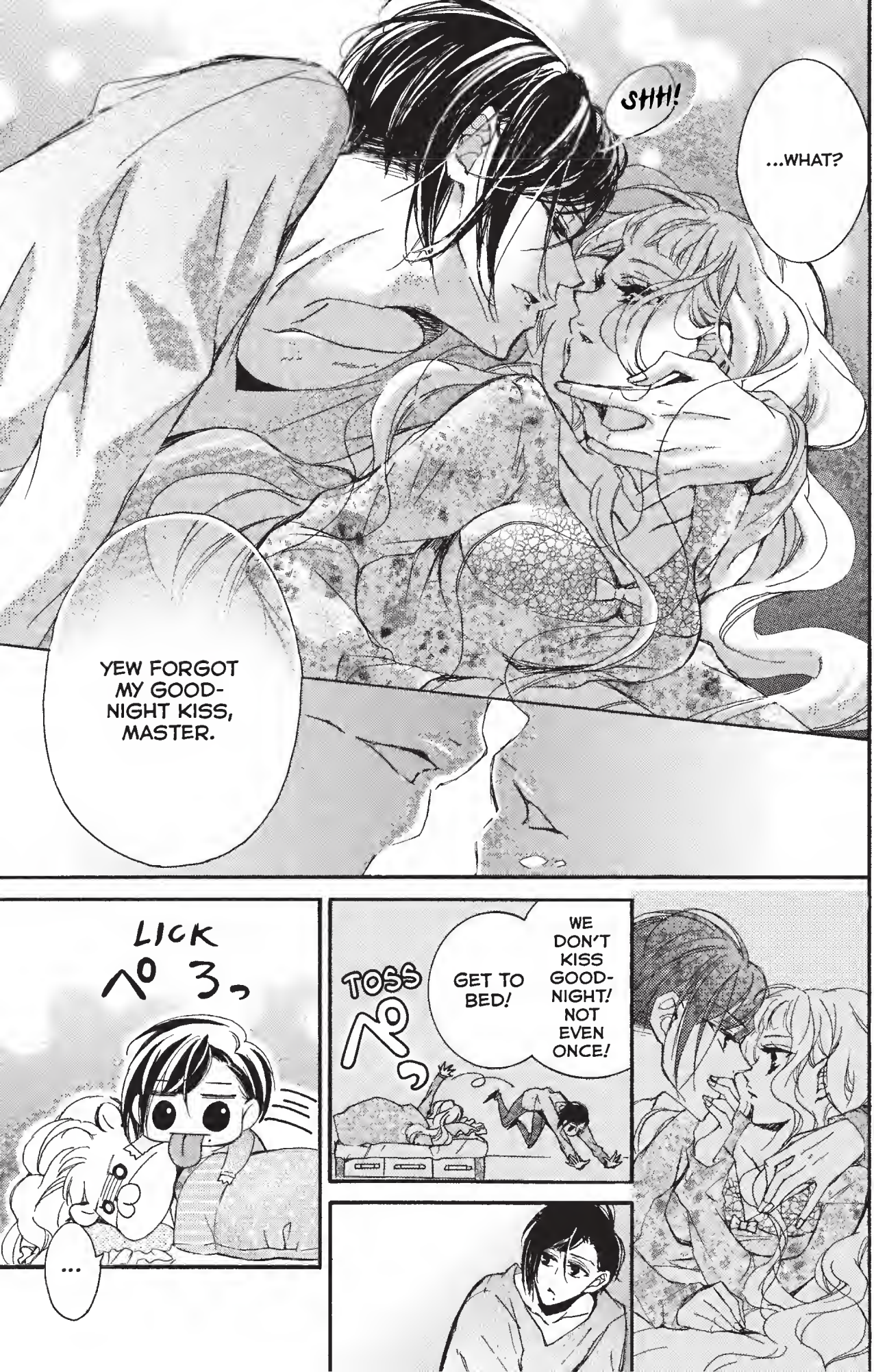
5 ABOUT LIGHTING



WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THE LIGHTS WHEN YOU GO TO SLEEP? UNLESS I'M VERY TIRED, YOUR FRIEND TORIUMI SLEEPS WITH THEM ON. (NOT LIKE A NIGHTLIGHT OR ANYTHING, JUST THE REGULAR LIGHTS.)

I KNOW IT'S BETTER TO SLEEP IN THE DARK, BUT I JUST CAN'T DO IT... HOWEVER, THERE'S A REASON FOR THAT...

TO BE CONTINUED


SHH!
...WHAT?
YEW FORGOT MY GOOD-NIGHT KISS, MASTER.
LICK
ぺろっ
...
TOSS
ぺっ
GET TO BED!
WE DON'T KISS GOOD-NIGHT! NOT EVEN ONCE!

POOF
はふっ
!
YEW DIDN'T EVEN SLAP ME? WHAT HAPPENED TO YEW, TAIGA-CHAN?
"I LIKE YOU, KUROGANE."
ギュッ
CLENCH
RMB RMB RMB
ゴロゴロゴロ

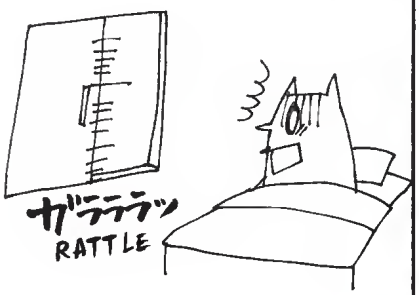
RMB
RMB
And I was looking forward to eating lunch outside...
OH!! THE CAFE-TERIA'S PROBABLY PACKED BY NOW!!
LET'S HURRY!! YOU TOO, TAKACHIHO-SAN!
O-OKAY!
EEEK!
RMB
RMB
RMB
HUH?!
THAT WAS THUN-DER!
THE WEATHER'S SO BAD TODAY...

WH-WHAT SHOULD I DO?! HE'S COMING THIS WAY!
ざわざわ MURMUR MURMUR
WHAT'S THE MATTER, TAKACHI-HO-SAN?
ざわざわ MURMUR MURMUR
It's Anri-sempai!
OH!
KURO-GANE ...!
?
TAKA-CHIHO-SAN?
TAKACHI-HO-SAN!
OH.

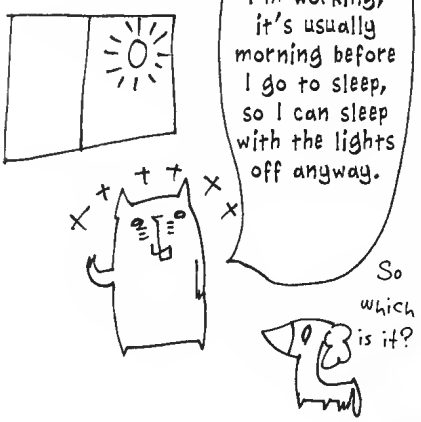
6 ABOUT LIGHTING CONTINUED

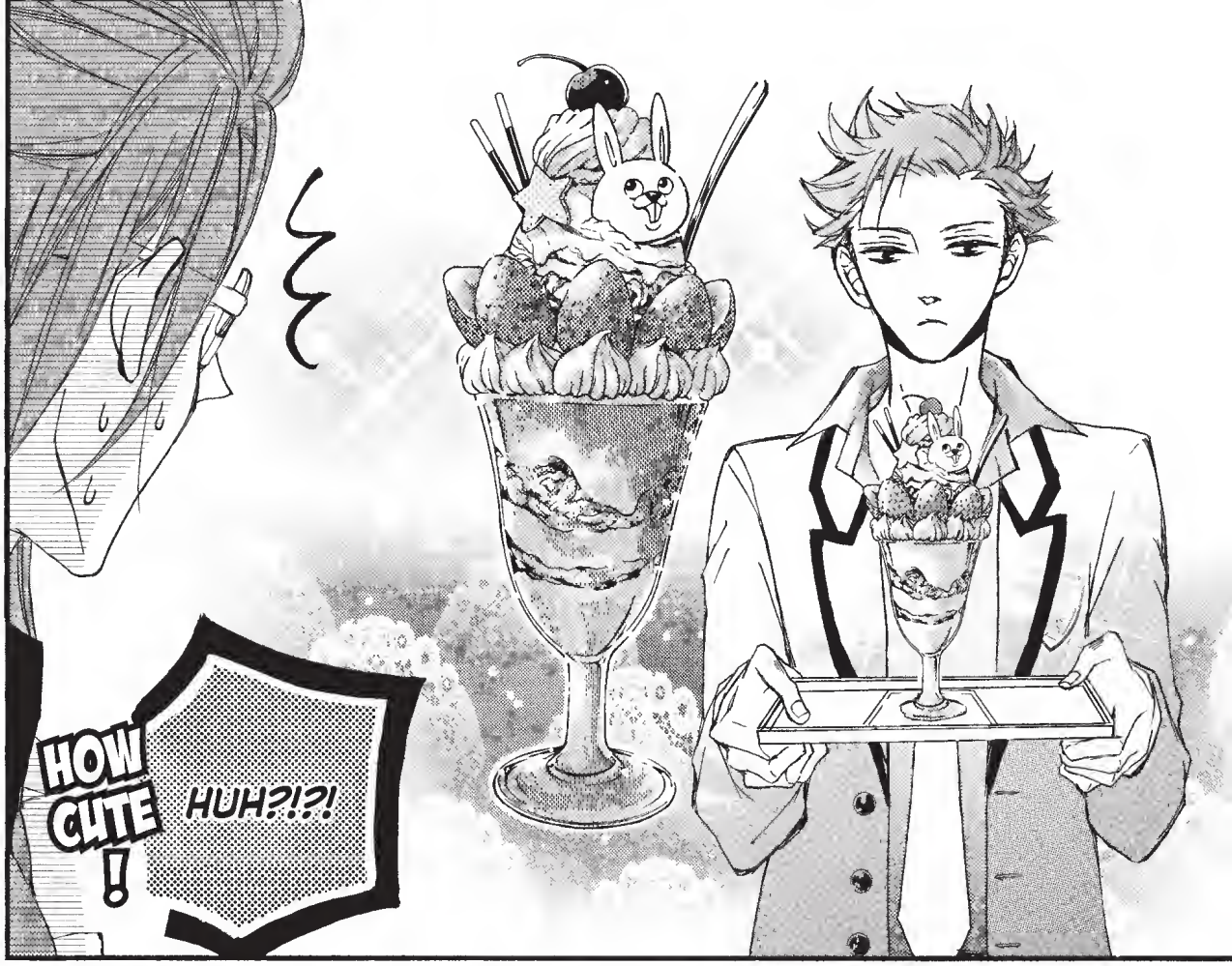
ABOUT WHY I SLEEP WITH THE LIGHTS ON... IT ACTUALLY STARTED WITH A REALLY LAME REASON.
WHEN I WAS A KID, I SPENT THE NIGHT AT MY GRANDPARENTS' HOUSE. AND I WOKE UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT. THEN...

I SAW A DOOR OPEN WHEN NO ONE WAS THERE.

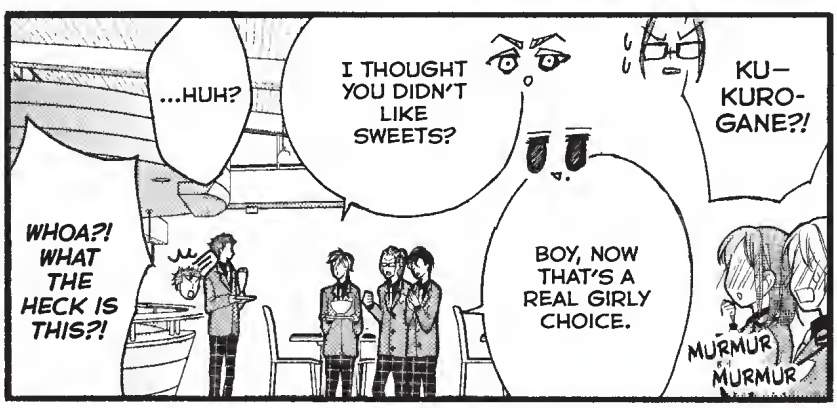


THAT'S ALL. (AND IT'S NOT LIKE I ACTUALLY SAW ANYTHING...) FOR SOME REASON, IT STILL AFFECTS ME.




HOW CUTE!
HUH?!?!

Hmm? Didn't you pick it yourself?

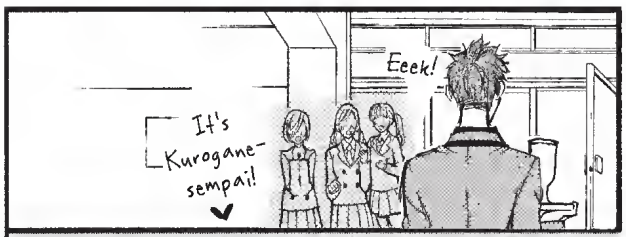

...HUH?
I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T LIKE SWEETS?
KU— KURO-GANE?!
WHOA?! WHAT THE HECK IS THIS?!
BOY, NOW THAT'S A REAL GIRLY CHOICE.
MURMUR MURMUR

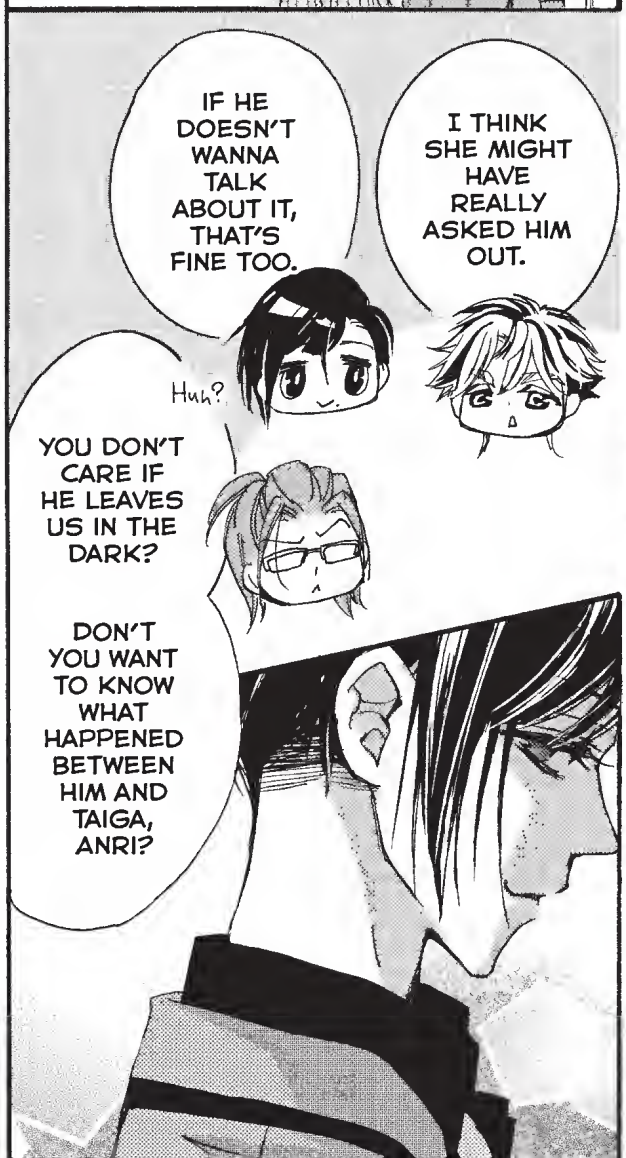
!
WAS SOME-THING WRONG WITH TAIGA?!
SO SHE AIN'T THE ONLY ONE ACTIN' FUNNY.

...
HEH!
I AIN'T SAID ONE WORD ABOUT TAIGA-CHAN.
TURN
THUNK
SHUNK
CHOMP
CHOMP
CHOMP
CHOMP
SOMETHING MUST'VE HAPPENED BETWEEN HIM AND TAIGA...
Kurogane-sempai's eating a parfait!

MURMUR MURMUR
ざわざわ
HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING, KUROGANE?
You're only having a parfait for lunch?!
Aha ha!
TO SLEEP IN THE SCHOOL INFIRMARY.

CLATTER
がらん

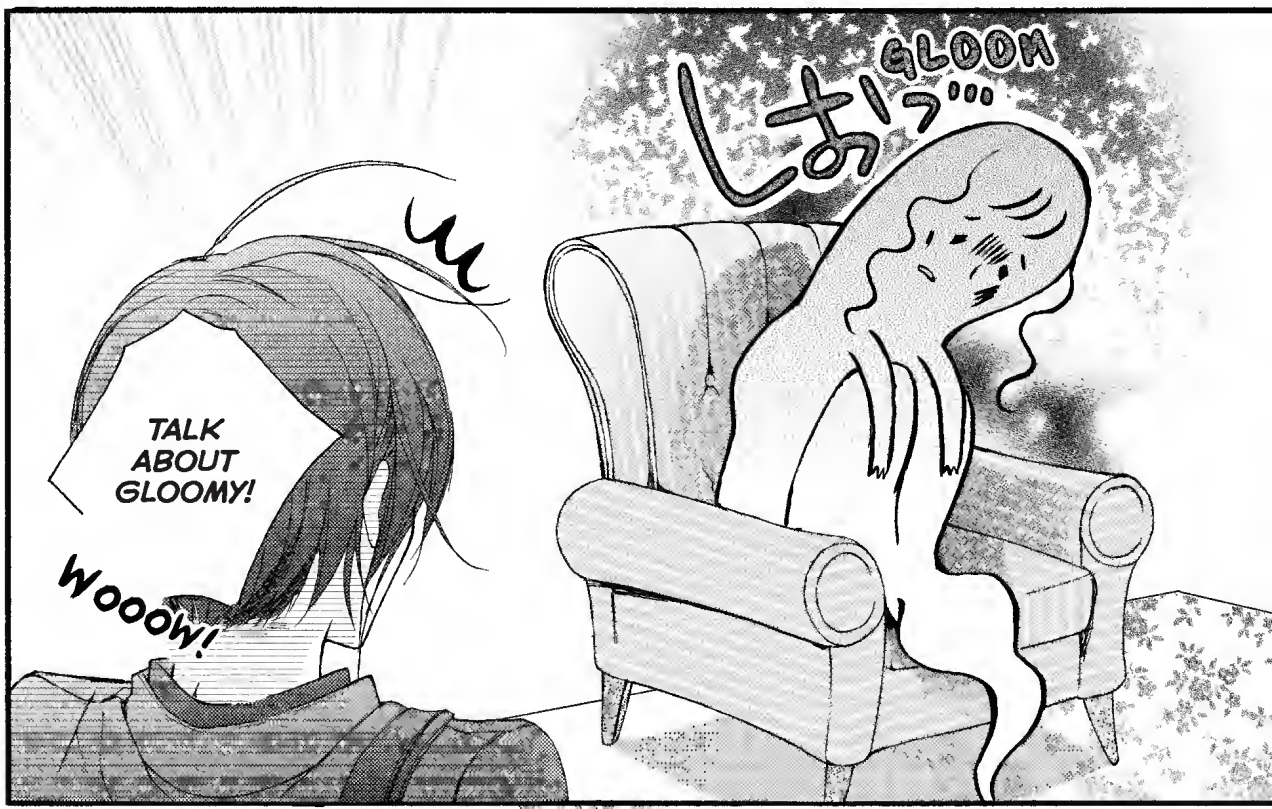

Eeek!
It's Kurogane-sempai!

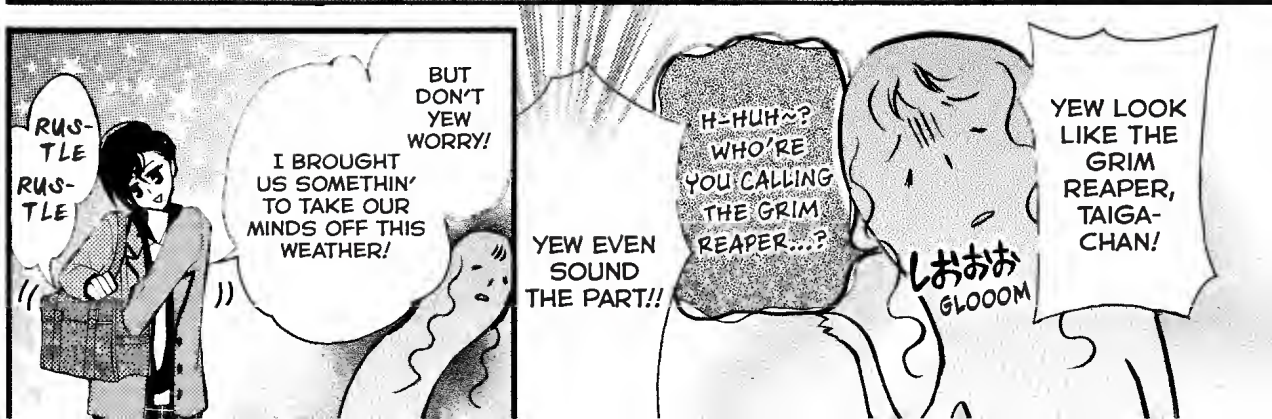

IF HE DOESN'T WANNA TALK ABOUT IT, THAT'S FINE TOO.
I THINK SHE MIGHT HAVE REALLY ASKED HIM OUT.
Huh?
YOU DON'T CARE IF HE LEAVES US IN THE DARK?
DON'T YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN HIM AND TAIGA, ANRI?

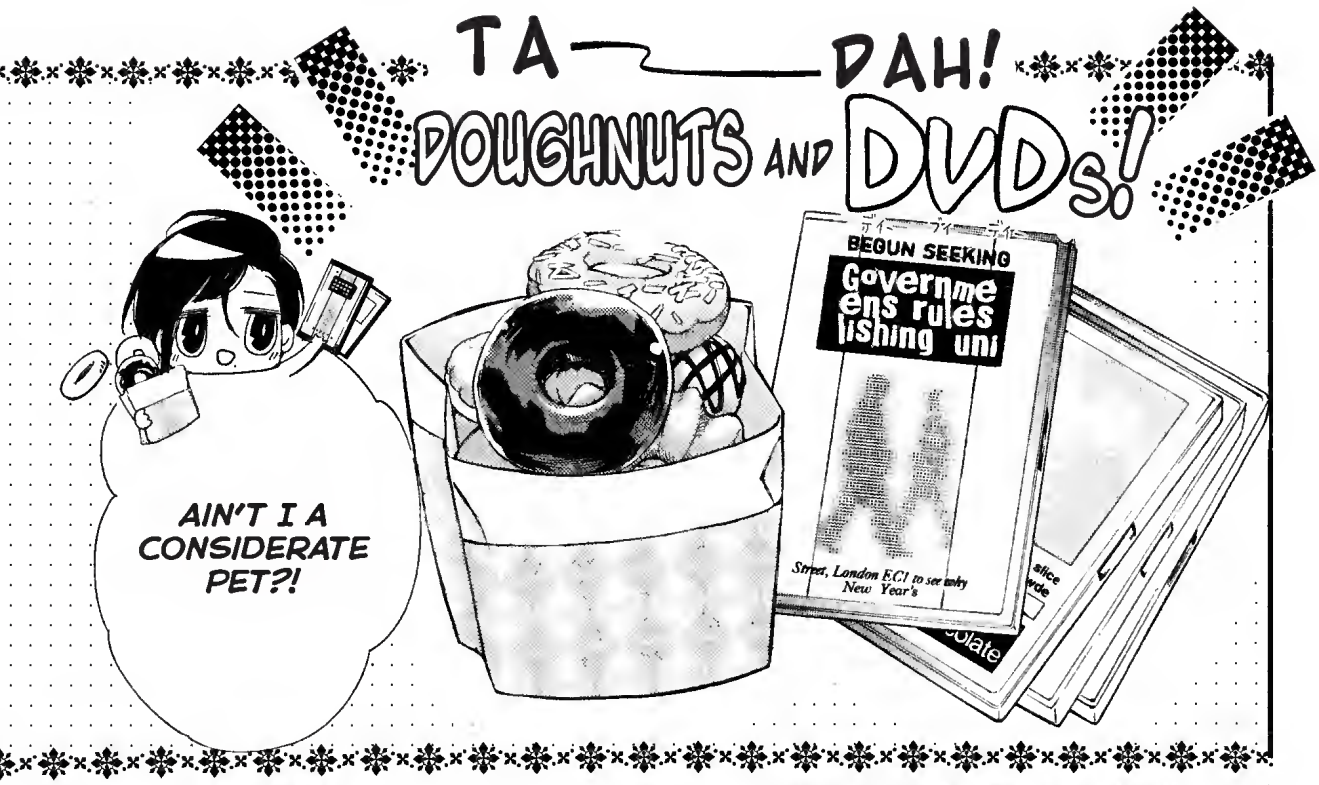
YEW DON'T WANNA TALK ABOUT YER LOVE LIFE?
GO RIGHT AHEAD.

I'M JUST SAYIN' THERE'S OTHER WAYS TO FIND OUT.
TH-THERE ARE...?
I AVOIDED HIM THE WHOLE, ENTIRE DAY...
RMB
RMB
RMB
I'VE STILL GOT SCHOOL TOMORROW AND AFTER THAT...
SO GETTING ALL FLUSTERED AND HIDING LIKE THIS...
AND I'M THE ONE WHO ASKED HIM OUT...!
I CAN'T STAND IT!
HOW PATHETIC.
AHHH! JEEZ!
BUT I'M NOT GONNA LET IT KEEP ME DOWN!
WHAP WHAP WHAP

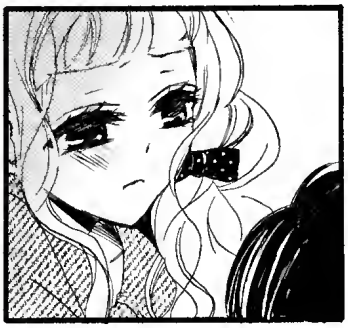
THUNK
ガラッ
I'm home!
...
...

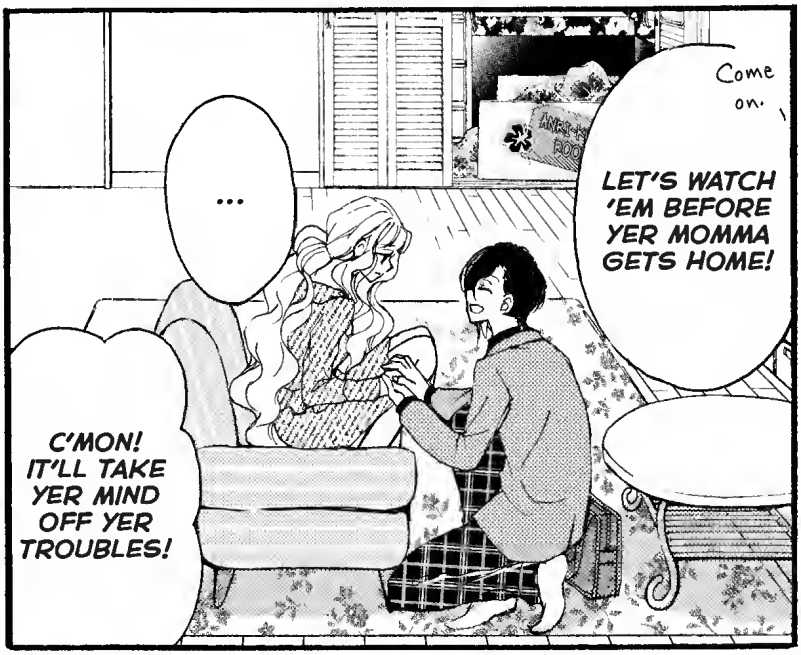

GLOOM
しおっ…
TALK ABOUT GLOOMY!
Wooow!

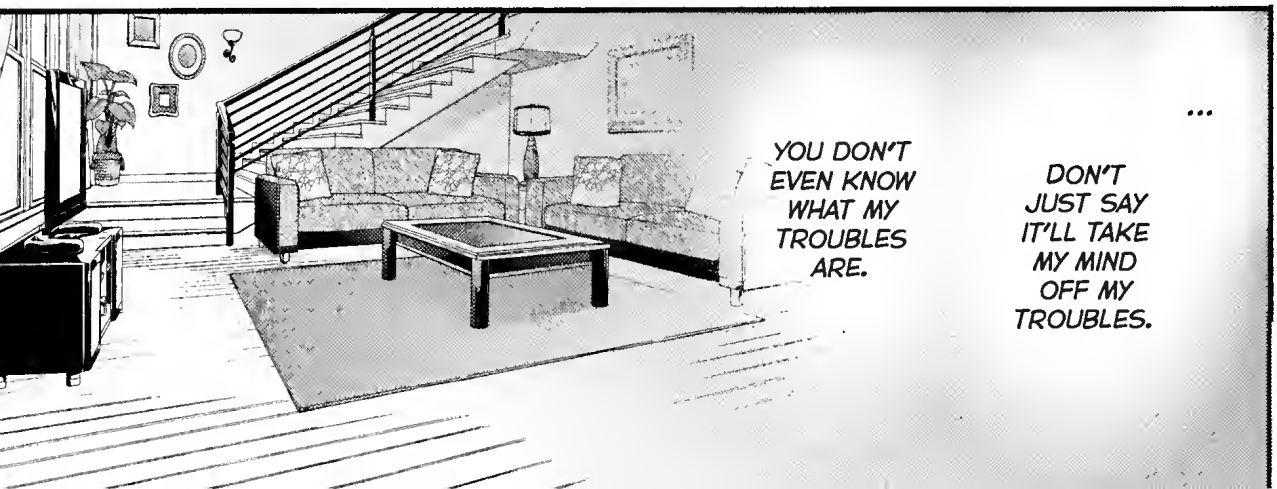

RUS-TLE RUS-TLE
I BROUGHT US SOMETHIN' TO TAKE OUR MINDS OFF THIS WEATHER!
BUT DON'T YEW WORRY!
YEW EVEN SOUND THE PART!!
H-HUH~? WHO'RE YOU CALLING THE GRIM REAPER...?
しおおお
GLOOOM
YEW LOOK LIKE THE GRIM REAPER, TAIGA-CHAN!


TA—DAH!
DOUGHNUTS AND DVDs!
AIN'T I A CONSIDERATE PET?!
BEGUN SEEKING
Governme ens rules lishing uni
Street, London E.C.1 to see why New Year's

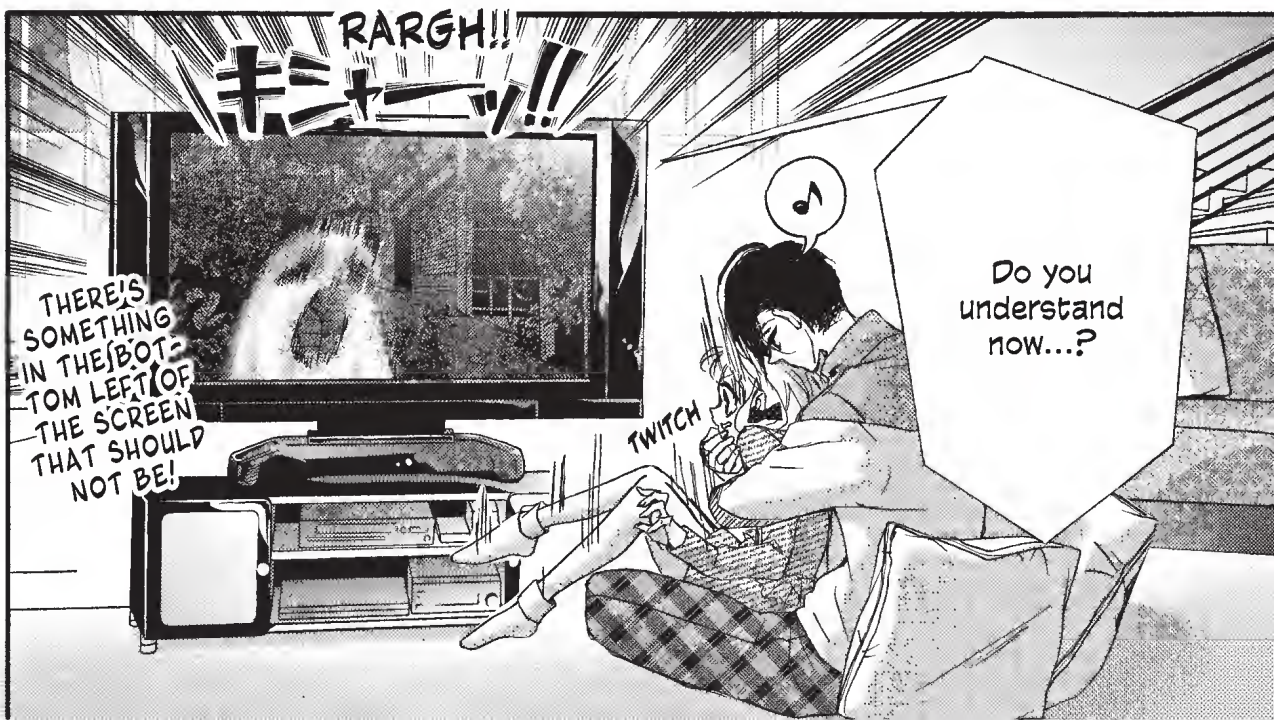
SMILE
SMILE




...
C'MON! IT'LL TAKE YER MIND OFF YER TROUBLES!
Come on.
LET'S WATCH 'EM BEFORE YER MOMMA GETS HOME!


YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT MY TROUBLES ARE.
DON'T JUST SAY IT'LL TAKE MY MIND OFF MY TROUBLES.
...

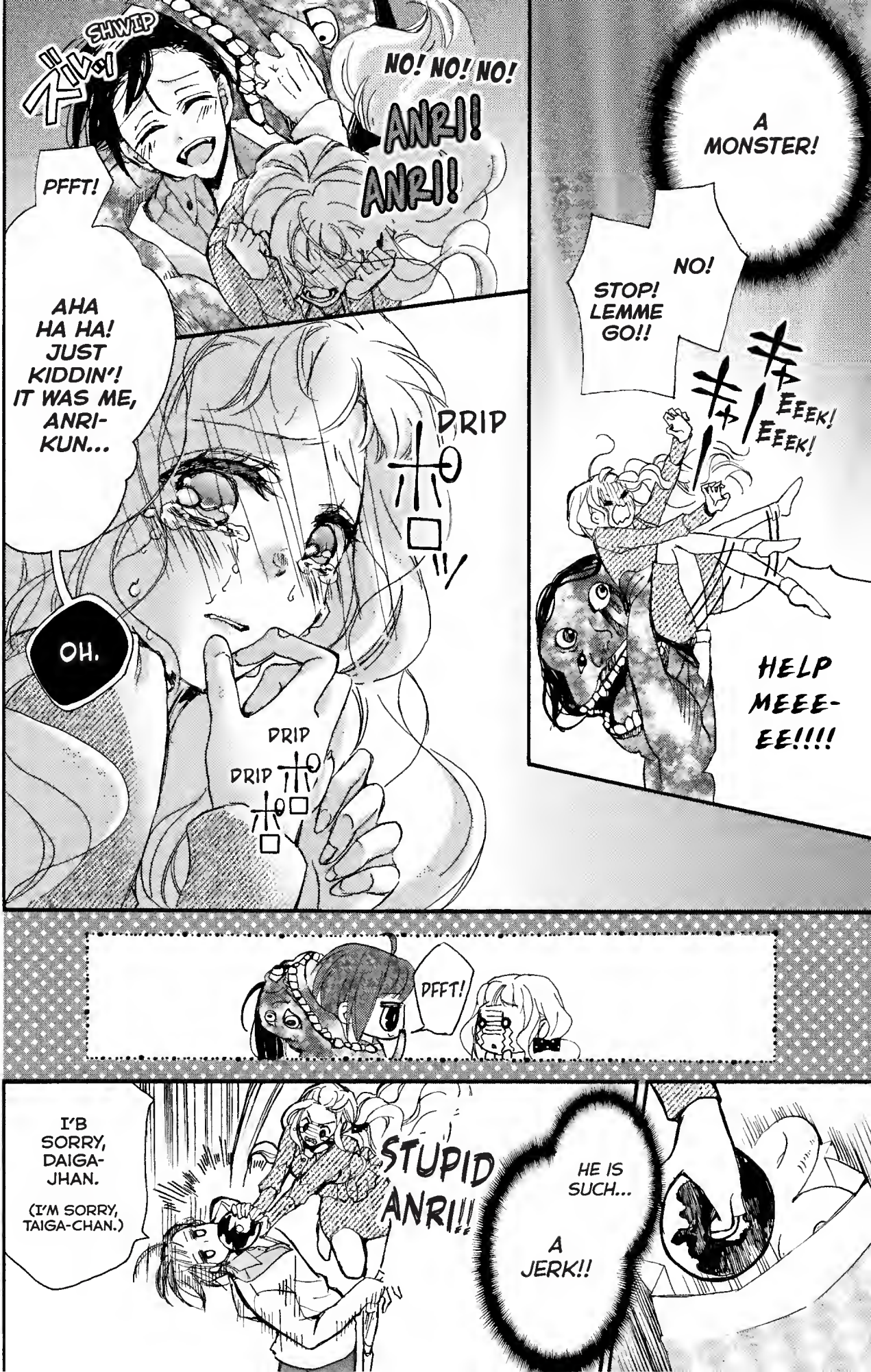
N-
...
NO!
NN...!
CUT IT OUT, ANRI!


RARGH!!
キミナニッ!!
THERE'S SOMETHING IN THE BOTTOM LEFT OF THE SCREEN THAT SHOULD NOT BE!
TWITCH
Do you understand now...?

OH, DON'T TELL ME YER AFRAID OF GHOSTS, TAIGA-CHAN?
H-HUH?! N-N-NOT REALLY?!
AHA HA! WELL, GOOD!
I'm so scared I'm shakin'!
GRIIIN
I FEEL A LOT BETTER WITH YEW HERE, TAIGA-CHAN.
LET'S WATCH THE WHOOOLE STACK! ♡
!!
BOOOM
Time out! I need a time out!
Let's start the next one!
I SHOULD'VE KNOWN ANRI WAS UP TO NO GOOD!
RAAARGH!!
TWITCH
WHOA!

FWISH
AHAHAHAHA!
"Whoa!" she says!
HE'S JUST PLAYING AROUND WITH ME!!
BUT, AT LEAST FOR A LITTLE WHILE, I DON'T HAVE TO THINK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED.
WHUMP
Oh.
EVEN I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.
I DON'T WANT TO GO IN CIRCLES, BUT...

...
HUH?
HUH?
The lights...
A-
ANRI...?
RARGH!!
SNAP
And then, it appeared from behind a tree...
?!
FWIP
I'm gonna get mad unless you come out here this instant!!
Slowly... Slowly...
The shadow approached... And then...
THUMP
ANRI!!
HUH?! HUH?! HUUUH?!
ANRI! STOP THE SILLY PRANKS!
WHU-
IT'S BEHIND YOU...


SHWIP
NO! NO! NO!
ANRI!
ANRI!
PFFT!
AHA HA HA! JUST KIDDIN'! IT WAS ME, ANRI-KUN...
OH.
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
A MONSTER!
NO!
STOP! LEMME GO!!
EEEK!
EEEK!
HELP MEEE-EE!!!!
PFFT!
I'B SORRY, DAIGA-JHAN.
(I'M SORRY, TAIGA-CHAN.)
STUPID ANRI!!
HE IS SUCH...
A JERK!!

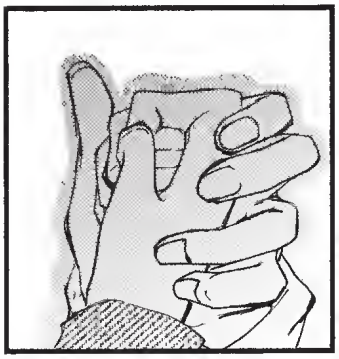
WIBE AWAY YER DEARS.
(WIPE AWAY YER TEARS.)
SHUT UP! I'M NOT CRYING!
FORGET YOU! STUPID!!
ANRI... WHY DID IT HAVE TO BE IN FRONT OF ANRI?
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
SHHH
THIS IS JUST THE WORST!
MY HEAD IS FULL OF KUROGANE!
I'M SO DEPRESSED I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
GET AWAY FROM ME! JEEZ! I DON'T WANT TO TALK TO ANYONE RIGHT NOW!
?
I ASKED HIM OUT AGAIN!! ON THE WAY HOME YESTERDAY!!
Oh...
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
BUT IT DIDN'T WORK OUT!!

...HUH?
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
"I LIKE YOU, KUROGANE."
IT DIDN'T WORK OUT!
"...SORRY. I CAN'T RETURN YOUR FEELINGS."

GRR!
AREN'T YOU GONNA MAKE FUN OF ME?! DO IT ALREADY!
YOU TOYED WITH MY LOVE LIFE...
...SO YOU'RE PROBABLY GONNA TOY WITH ITS FAILURE TOO, RIGHT?!
GO ON! LAUGH! MOCK ME FOR NOT EVEN BEING ABLE TO BECOME ONE OF KURO-GANE'S MANY GIRLFRIENDS!
...!
EVEN THOUGH THAT TOOK MORE COUR-AGE THAN ANYTHING I'VE EVER DONE IN MY LIFE!
TELL ME I PROBABLY NEVER HAD A CHANCE FROM THE VERY BEGINNING!
HUFF
WHAT AM I EVEN TALKING ABOUT ...?
SHHH
I'M NOT MAKING ANY SENSE!
AND IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!
HHH

AN...
NN!
SHOVE
NOM NOM
モグモグ
So sometimes give me these for feeding time.
AIN'T THIS DOUGHNUT GOOD?
?!
DOUGHNUTS ARE MY ABSOLUTE FAVORITE.
WHAT THE HECK'S HE TALKING ABOUT?

WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
Ha ha!
YEAH.

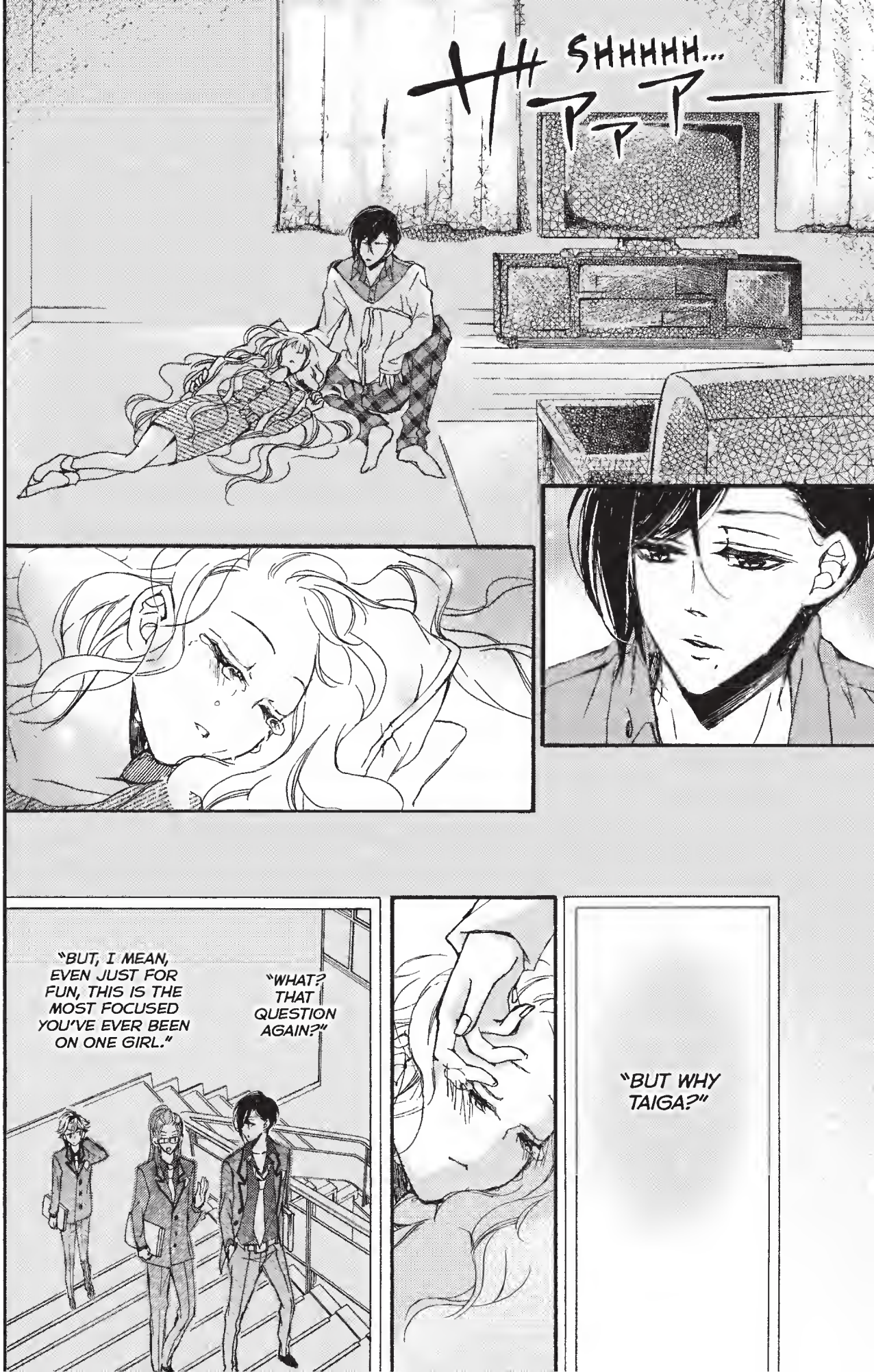


BITE
HOW CUTE. ♡
...IS GONNA WORK ON ME, YER PET WHO'S WITH YEW ALL THE TIME, TAIGA-CHAN?
YEW THINK A BLUFF LIKE THAT...

SHOVE

I HATE YOU.
ANRI, YOU IDIOT!
YEAH.
I HATE YOU!
I HATE YOU, ANRI!
YEAH.
YEAH.
YEAH...
... HUFF
...!
I'M RIGHT HERE...
SO JUST CALL YER PET'S NAME.

FILL YER HEAD UP WITH ME.
W-
AAHHHH!!
NN...
AND THEN...
SHHHH
アアアアー!
アアアー...
SHHH
アアー


SHHHHH...
"BUT WHY TAIGA?"
"WHAT? THAT QUESTION AGAIN?"
"BUT, I MEAN, EVEN JUST FOR FUN, THIS IS THE MOST FOCUSED YOU'VE EVER BEEN ON ONE GIRL."

"WHAT DO YOU ACTUALLY WANT FROM TAIGA, ANRI?"
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SNAP
ぱちっ
CHIRP
ちゅん…
CHIRP
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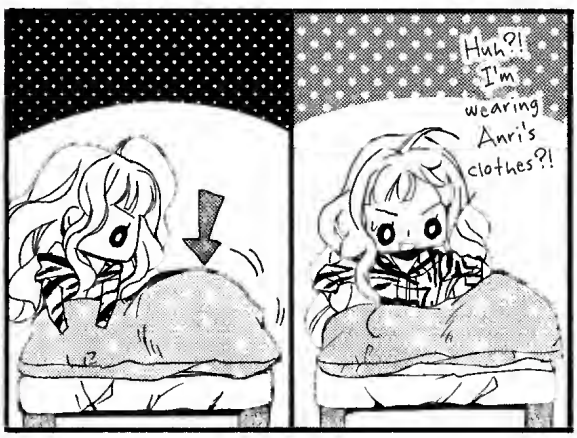
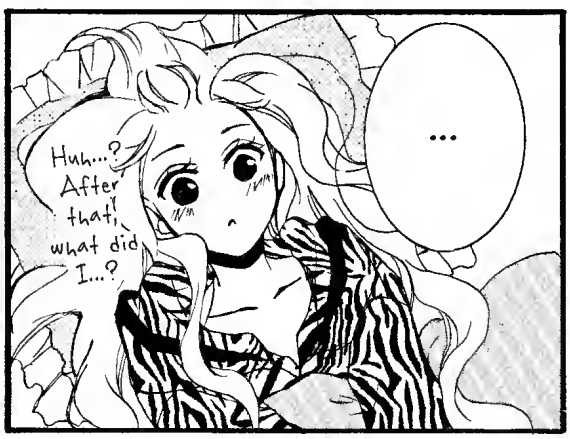
ちゅん
CHIRP


Huh?! I'm wearing Anri's clothes?!

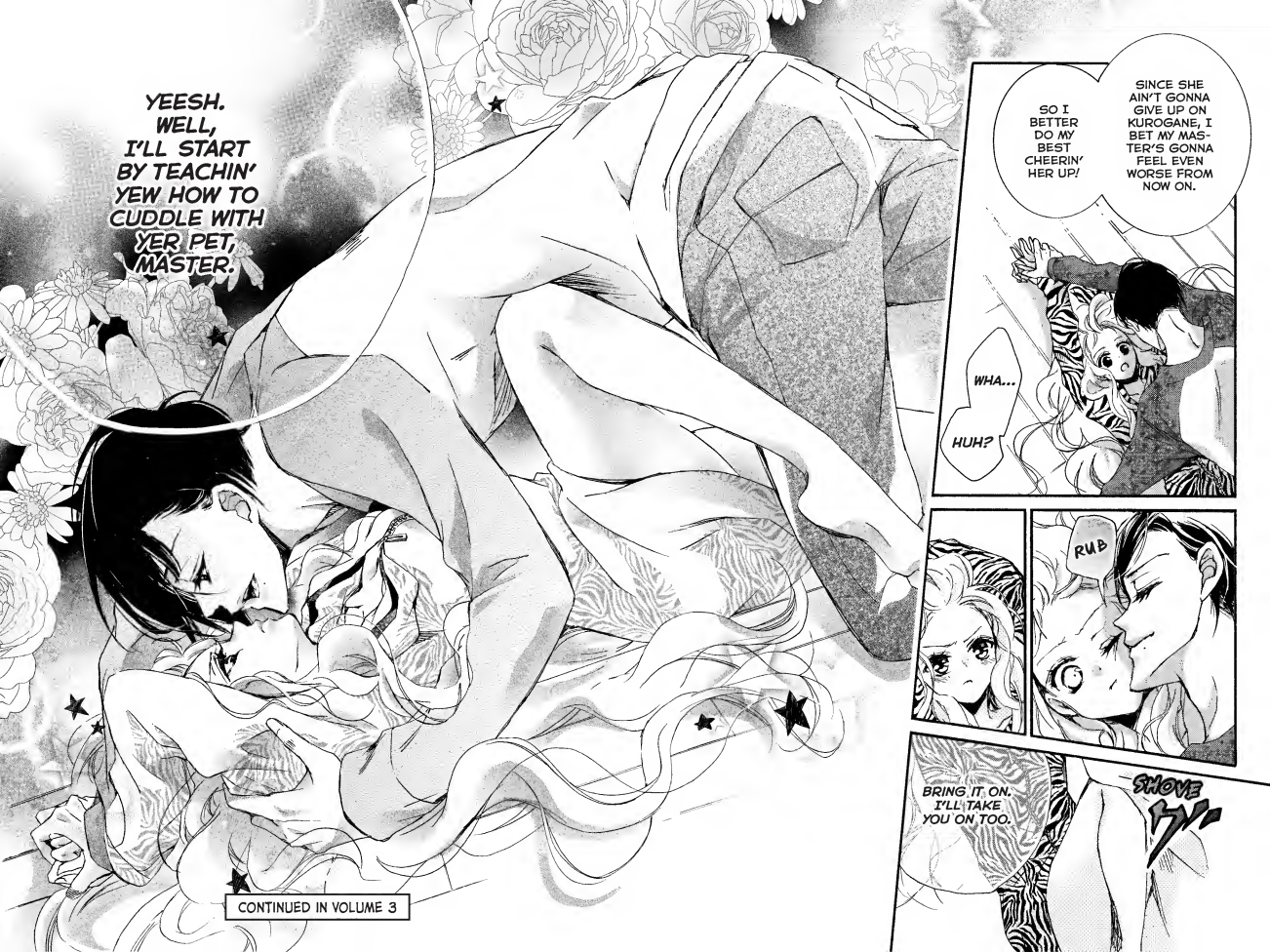

…
Huh…? After that, what did I…?

バサ
MMMPH

ちゅんちゅん
CHIRP CHIRP
WHACK!
パシーン!
What nice weather we're having.
Good morning.
HEH!
もぉ
JEEZ!
YEOUCH!
WHAT AN AWFUL WAY TO WAKE SOMEONE UP...
プン
スカ
POUT
UGH....
HAVEN'T I TOLD YOU TO STAY OUT OF MY BED?!

IF I SEE KURO-GANE, I'LL SAY "GOOD MORNING" TO HIM.
FWISHooo
ガラ
THUNK
NN...! I FEEL LIKE I SLEPT FOR DAYS!
I'M GONNA HAVE A DREAMY ROMANCE!
BUT WHAT KIND OF WIMP GIVES UP AFTER ONE TIME?
ASKING HIM OUT DIDN'T WORK OUT AND I GOT TURNED DOWN...
MAYBE...
HUH?
WHICH MEANS YER...
I'M NOT GIVING UP ON KUROGANE!

...
FWOOSH!
I'M GETTIN' FIRED UP!!
...HEH.
HEH HEH HEH!
SHOVE
EEK!
JEEZ! WHAT ARE YOU LAUGH-ING—
ANRI?
PLOP
HIH...
AND I...
BETTER GET FIRED UP AS YER PET TOO.


YEESH. WELL, I'LL START BY TEACHIN' YEW HOW TO CUDDLE WITH YER PET, MASTER.
SINCE SHE AIN'T GONNA GIVE UP ON KUROGANE, I BET MY MASTER'S GONNA FEEL EVEN WORSE FROM NOW ON.
SO I BETTER DO MY BEST CHEERIN' HER UP!
WHA...
HUH?
RUB
BRING IT ON. I'LL TAKE YOU ON TOO.
SHOVE
CONTINUED IN VOLUME 3

Hello again!

THIS IS PEDORO TORIUMI!

Heh heh!

THANK YOU FOR READING "BLACK PANTHER AND SWEET SIXTEEN" THIS FAR!

AFTER STARTING VOLUME 2, THE STORY BEGAN TO MOVE, LITTLE BY LITTLE. ARE THERE ANY CHARACTERS THAT CAUGHT YOUR EYE? WHEN I FINISHED WRITING CHAPTER 3, PEOPLE WERE SAYING, "WHOA! HE MIGHT BE A LITTLE TOO SCARY!" ABOUT KUROGANE, BUT NOW THEY'RE TELLING ME THEY LOVE HIM! I'M REASSURED BY ALL THE KIND PEOPLE OUT THERE. IF YOU HAVE A FEW MOMENTS TO SPARE, I'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.

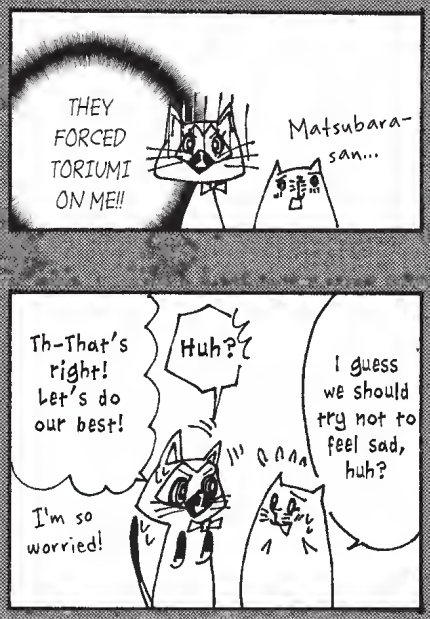
IN ORDER TO KEEP THINGS ENTERTAINING FOR YOU FROM NOW ON, I WILL ASK ANRI AND TAIGA TO PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS. I HOPE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO READ VOLUME 3 AS WELL!

ABOUT THE TORIUMI HOUSEHOLD'S PET KOTARO.

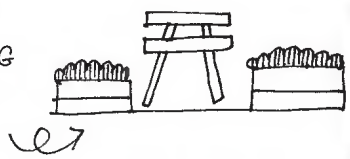
THE WHICH HAND IS IT IN? GAME

KOTARO'S TREAT IS HIDDEN IN EITHER THE RIGHT OR LEFT HAND, AND KOTARO GUESSES WHICH ONE.

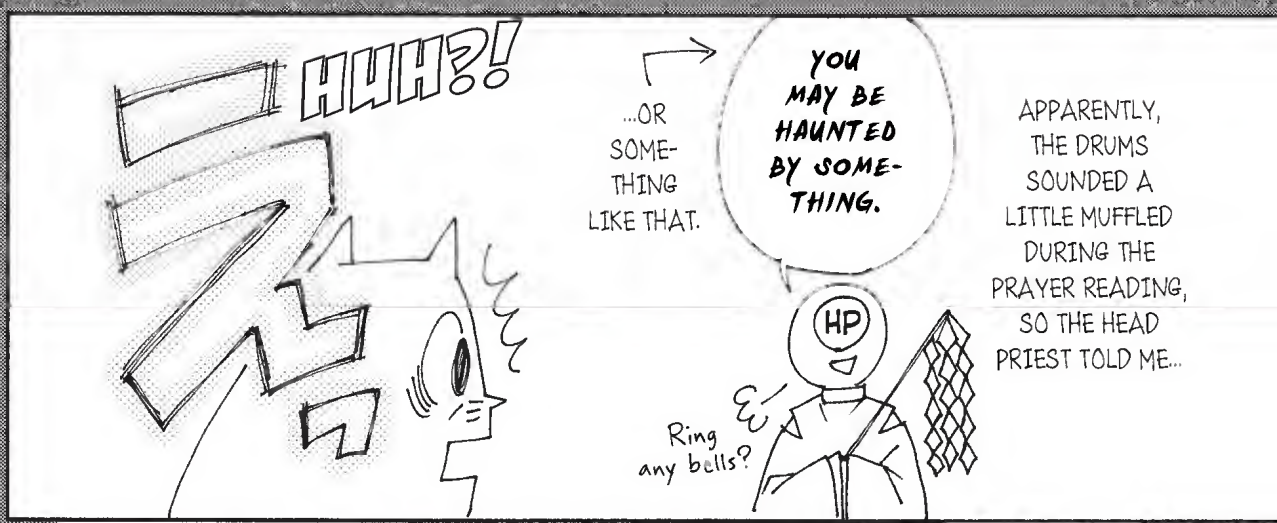
RECENT NEWS.

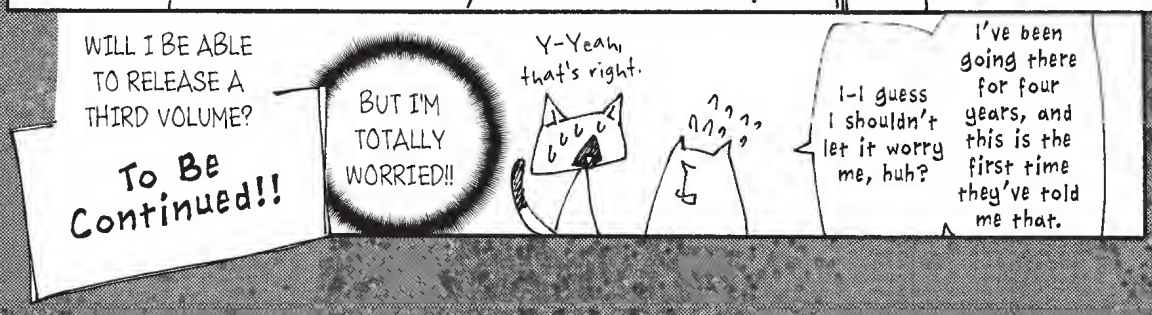


AFTER THAT, I WENT TO THE LOCAL SHRINE TO DRIVE OUT ANY BAD SPIRITS. I'VE BEEN SEEING THEM SINCE I WAS DOING "HYAKKI KOIRAN*."



*Hyakki Koiran: one of Pedoro Toriumi's previous works, a fantasy love story about a high school girl who can see magical creatures.





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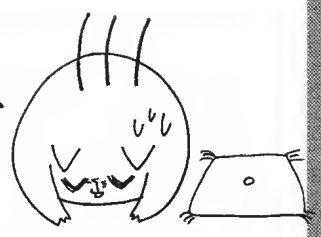
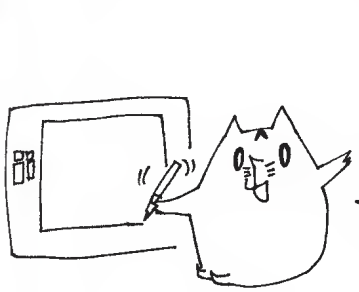


THE LIVE PAINTING VIDEO I DID AT THE INVITATION OF WACOM CO., LTD. HAS BEEN RELEASED ON YOUTUBE.



How a drawing is made!

Rough
↓
Lining
↓
Coloring
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Polishing
↓
Complete Image

And you can see it all on video!

RIGHT HERE.

YOUR FRIEND TORIUMI DREW REO, A CHARACTER WHO APPEARED IN "HYAKKI KOIRAN."

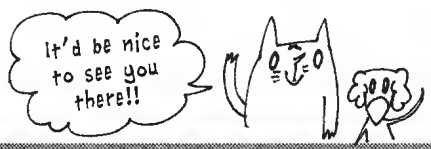
YOU CAN SEE ME FIDDLING WITH MY MEANDERING, MESSY LINE DRAWING AND CHANGING THE COLORS AFTER I APPLY THEM AND DECIDE THEY DON'T WORK FOR ME AND STUFF.

http://tablet.wacom.co.jp/article/
/drawing-with-wacom44

I DID A LOT OF INTERVIEWS TOO... BUT WHEN I READ BACK ON THEM NOW...

Who the heck do you think you are?!

...THOUGHTS LIKE THAT FILL MY HEAD. I MUST HAVE BEEN HYPED UP ON ADRENALINE AND BEEN ALL WORKED UP AND OUT OF SORTS. BEFORE THIS I WAS NEVER REALLY INTERVIEWED OR...EVEN TALKED TO MANY PEOPLE...
SO WOULD YOU PLEASE TAKE A LOOK?!



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EVERYONE INVOLVED IN "BLACK PANTHER AND SWEET SIXTEEN"

AND LAST BUT DEFINITELY NOT LEAST EVERYONE READING THIS COMIC! THAT MEANS...

♥ ♥ YOU! ♥ ♥

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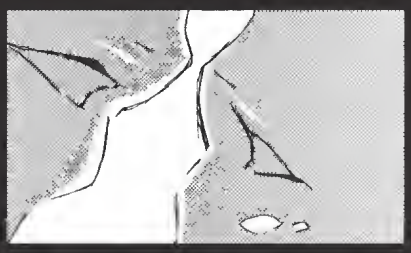
If you have time, I'd love to hear your thoughts~

A night in which she cannot escape the black beast's temptations comes upon Taiga...



The maximum difficulty sensual pet-raising mission escalates even further?!

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